

The background of the cover features a lit candle on the left, casting a warm glow, and an open book with Arabic calligraphy on the right. The candle is slightly out of focus, while the book's text is more legible, though still somewhat blurred to create a sense of depth and atmosphere.

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Islam to Westerners. His book, *Jawaher al-Qur'an* (or, *The Jewels of the Qur'an*), in which he chose significant verses from throughout the Qur'an as a means of guiding readers toward God's blessings, was my motivation to write this book.

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Preface

The need for relevant and accessible daily readings directed toward achieving spiritual fitness™ motivated me to write this book.

I began by selecting 365 passages from the Qur'an¹, using similar parameters of length and topical value so that each daily excerpt takes only about 15 minutes to both read and contemplate. These daily readings also stand alone in terms of the topics or issues they address.

I have no wish to preface these passages with exhaustive commentary. Rather, I prefer to stand back and allow them to work their miracles in helping the reader to achieve spiritual fitness: they have been potent in the past and I believe they are so again.

In choosing the topic for each day, I followed traditional Islamic guidelines for attaining True Success, True Happiness and True Peace of Mind.

These three steps are:

1. To Know
2. To Love
3. To Serve

The first step is about coming to know God – through divine creations, one's own being, the purpose of our life on earth, our life after physical death, and our final destination to be with God.

The second step is coming to love God – again through the wonder of divine creations, one's own being, in the sacred gift of life, and in meeting God through our daily activities and awareness.

Finally, the third step is to learn to serve God – in preserving and respecting all of creation, in caring for others and oneself, in giving God our daily praise and

prayer.

The order in which we learn these steps is very important, for one cannot love someone who is unknown, nor can anyone genuinely serve someone they do not love.

Ideally, however, the steps of knowing, loving and serving should be pursued in parallel, so that even as imperfect human beings, we can always be in the blessed state of knowing a little, loving a little, and serving a little. From there, we can increase our spiritual fitness toward knowing more, loving more and serving more.

In the Qur'an, God speaks and the Prophet Muhammad is the mouthpiece for God's Divine Word. That is, the Qur'an contains none of the Prophet Muhammad's own words, nor his own interpretations. The Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet through the Angel Gabriel, in order to answer questions, to explain, and above all, to guide humans into the way of Truth.

When God speaks in the Qur'an using the pronouns I, Me, or My, in the first-person singular — e.g., “If you remember Me, I will remember you” (2:152) — or We, Us, and Our(s) in the first-person plural — e.g., “We spread out the earth” (15:19) — these figures of speech always indicate that there is only One God. In addition, God also speaks in the Qur'an using the third-person masculine singular, as with He, Him, and His — e.g., “God. There is no god but He; there is no other,” (64:13). Here again, these are God's words, and do not indicate gender in human terms, for God states in the Qur'an that “no one else is like God” (42:11). Thus, God is unique, despite the limitations of human language and grammar.

Daily meditation has long been upheld as the high road to spiritual fitness. But a daily reading of Quranic passages additionally offers a special type of meditation in which God is the speaker, where every word is God's own. As God explains the Divine Natural Law, these passages offer a means of in-depth meditation. When God teaches us how and why we should pray for

Divine Mercy, this is also an attribute of fruitful meditation.

In offering my English-trained reader these particular groups of daily Quranic verses, I have consulted several renowned English paraphrases of the Qur'an, as well as a number of scholarly works of Quranic interpretation in their original Arabic language (see Appendix). But the actual translations (or rather, interpretations) in these pages remain my own.

The original classical Arabic of the Qur'an flows in a rhythmic style of prose-poetry (sometimes called blank verse) whose powerful and beautiful effects cannot be fully duplicated in English or any other language. Nevertheless, I have tried my best to keep this interpretive translation/paraphrase as faithful to its given text and context as possible. My aim and purpose throughout has been to make each daily devotion able to stand alone without any need for disruptive footnotes or explanations.

To derive the greatest benefit from these daily devotions, I recommend that each be approached in a receptive meditational and reflective mood, preferably during the early hours of the day, or just before retiring at night. In this way, each daily passage will, Insha'allah (God willing), guide the reader through the enriching experience of what it means To Know, To Love, and To Serve.

For most of us, living in today's world means living in a stressful, fast-paced society where it is increasingly difficult to find the time, the inclination, the mood, and the desire to slow down a bit to reflect, contemplate, think, pray, and communicate with God.

Thus, my dear reader, I sincerely hope and pray that this modest book becomes your faithful companion on the road to ever-greater knowledge, love, and service. I trust that each passage — one for every day of the year — will suffice for regular contemplation, meditation,

and communication. Your success in this spiritual quest will be mine as well.

Above all, in everything, I ask the blessings and guidance of God – the Most Merciful, Most Loving One.

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¹ These passages are composed of about 20% of all the Quranic verses.

January

January 1

In the Name of God,
the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.
All praise is to God,
the Lord of the worlds,
the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful,
Master of the Day of Judgment.
We worship You alone
and we ask You alone for help.
Guide us to the straight path,
the path of those whom You have blessed,
not those whom You have condemned,
nor those who have gone astray.

1:1-7

January 2

There is no doubt of the Truth in this Book [the Qur'an],
which contains guidance for the righteous:
those who believe in the unseen,
who pray regularly
and who spend charitably
from what We have given them.

They are the ones who believe
in what We revealed to you,
and in what was revealed before you,
and their belief in the Hereafter is strong.
They are the ones who are truly guided by their Lord
and who are truly successful.

2:2-5

January 3

O humankind,
Worship sincerely your Lord,
Who created you and those who came before you,
so that you may become righteous.

Your Lord has spread the earth for you as a bed,
and the heavens as its covering.
And He sent down rain from the sky,
producing fruits for your sustenance.

Do not, therefore, knowingly set up rival gods
with God.

2:21-22

January 4

How can you not believe in God?
He has given you life
after you have been dead.
Then He will cause you to die.
Afterwards He will resurrect you
and your final return will then be to Him.

It is God who created all that is on earth,
for your benefit;
it is He who turned towards the cosmos
and fashioned in it seven heavens.
God has the fullest knowledge of everything.

2:28-29

January 5

Do not you know
that all the kingdom of the heavens and the earth
belongs to God?

And do not you know
that you have no true friend or true protector
besides Him?

2:107

January 6

Wherever you turn,
there is the face of God,
for to Him belong
both the East and the West.
Surely God is
the All-Embracing, the All-Knowing.

And some say that God
has begotten a Son.
Nay, all glory be to The One God,
for everything in the heavens and on earth
belongs to Him;
everything is in a state of submission to Him.

He created the heavens and the earth.
Whenever He wills something,
He says 'Be' and it will be.

2:115-117

January 7

As the Prophet Ibrahim [Abraham]
and his son, the Prophet Isma'el [Ishmael],
were raising the foundation of God's house [Ka'bah],
they prayed and said,
'Our Lord! Accept these deeds from us,
as You are the All-Hearing and the All-Knowing.

O Lord! Make us submissive to You
and make our offspring also
a submissive nation to You.
Teach us our rituals,
and accept our repentance,
for You, our Most Merciful Lord,
are the One who accepts repentance.

O Lord! Send our offspring a Messenger
from among them
to teach the Book and Wisdom
and to purify them in faith and deeds,
for You are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.'

January 8

[O Muslims] Say, 'We believe in God
and what has been revealed to us through the Qur'an;
and we believe in what has been revealed
to Ibrahim [Abraham],
Isma'el [Ishmael], Ishaq [Isaac], Ya'qob [Jacob],
and the tribes;
and we believe in the Books given to Musa [Moses]
and 'Isa [Jesus]
and in what has been revealed
to the Prophets from their Lord
— we do not make any distinction of superiority
among any of them —
and we are submissive only to God.'

2:136

January 9

If you remember Me,
I will remember you,
so be grateful to Me
and be not nonbelievers.

2:152

January 10

O all you who believe!

Overcome calamities by practicing perseverance
and by performing regular prayers,
for God is with all those who persevere.

2:153

January 11

Give glad tidings to those who persevere,
to those who, when calamity strikes them,
would say 'Surely we belong to God
and surely to Him we shall return.'

They have their Lord's blessings and mercy upon them
and they are the ones who are truly guided.

2:155-157

January 12

Your God is One God,
the Most Compassionate,
the Most Merciful.
There is no other god but He.

The creation of the heavens and the earth,
the alternation of night and day,
the vessels that sail the seas
carrying cargo to benefit people,
the rain that God sends down
to revive the earth after its death,
the scattering of all kinds of living creatures
around the earth,
the sending of the winds,
and the clouds hanging suspended
between heaven and earth –
in all these there are indeed signs from God
for people who would understand.

And yet some people take others as rivals to God,
loving them as much as they should love God.

But true believers love God more intensely than anything, or anyone, else.

2:163-165

January 13

O all you who believe!
Eat of the good food
God has provided you
and be grateful to Him
if you are truly worshiping Him.

2:172

January 14

O all you who believe!
The fast [during the month of Ramadan]
is prescribed for you,
just as it was for those who came before you,
so that you may become righteous.

2:183

January 15

If My servants ask you about Me,
I am always near
answering the call of those who pray to Me.
Then let them follow Me and believe,
so they may be guided.

2:186

January 16

Do not be the instigator, the first to fight,
for God does not love such transgressors.
Rather, fight back in God's way against
those who would fight with you.

2:190

January 17

Do not become miserly and self-destructive,
but rather spend charitably
in the way of God,
for God loves generous doers of good deeds.

2:195

January 18

Some people would say,
'Our Lord, give us only in this world,'
and they will get nothing in the Hereafter.

But believers would say
'Our Lord, give us good in this world
and good in the Hereafter
and save us from the torment of Hellfire.'
They are the ones who will be rewarded
according to what they did,
for God is swift in reckoning.

2:200-202

January 19

O all you who believe!
Enter totally into God's peace
and do not follow the footsteps of Satan,
for he is indeed your arch-enemy.
But if you do fall into sin
after receiving God's clear revelations,
then know full well
that God is the All-Mighty and the All-Wise.

2:208-209

January 20

O all you who believe!
Spend charitably now
from what We have given you,
before the Day of Judgment comes
— a day where there will be no more trade,
no friendship, and no intercession.
The nonbelievers are those
who transgress against the Truth.

2:254

January 21

There is no other deity but God,
the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of All.
He neither sleeps nor slumbers;
all that is in the heavens and the earth belongs to Him.
Who is able to intercede with Him,
except by His permission?

He knows the present, the future,
and the past of people.
They can attain none of His knowledge
except that which He wills them to know.

He tirelessly preserves the heavens and the earth,
for His throne encompasses them.
He is the Most Exalted, He is the Most Great.

January 22

There is no compulsion in religion.
Yet truly, there is distinction
between what is Right and what is False.

Whoever rejects false deities
and believes in the One God,
has grasped God's secure handhold
which will never break.
God is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

2:256

January 23

Those who spend their wealth in the Way of God
are generously rewarded by Him,
for their deeds are like one seed of grain
which produces seven ears,
each with a hundred grains,
and God can multiply that reward even more
to whomever He wishes.
For God is the All-Encompassing, the All-Knowing.

Those who spend their wealth charitably
in the Way of God,
without degrading remarks,
without abusing words,
should never feel fear or sadness,
for a kind word and an act of forgiveness
are far better than charity followed by rudeness.
God is the source of all wealth,
He is the Most-Forebearing.

January 24

O all you who believe!

Do not lose God's rewards for your charitable deeds
by reminding those to whom you give charity
of what you have done,
nor by verbally abusing them.

Do not emulate those who spend their wealth
only to be praised by other people;
they do not believe in God,
nor in the Last Day, the Day of Judgment.

2:264

January 25

All that exists in the heavens and on earth
belongs to God.

Whether you disclose or conceal what is on your mind,
God will still hold you accountable for it.

God forgives whomever He wills
and punishes whomever He wills,
for He can do anything.

The Prophet [Muhammad] believed
what the Lord revealed to Him,
and so do all those of the faith.
Each one believes in God,
in His Angels, in His Books
and in His Messengers.

The believers say,
'We do not distinguish
between any of God's Messengers.'
And they say,
'We listen and obey.
Forgive us, Our Lord.
Our final return will be to You.'

2:284-285

January 26

Truly, nothing is hidden from God,
in the earth or in the heavens.

It is He who forms you in the womb
just as He wills.

There is no god but He,
the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

3:5-6

January 27

Our Lord!

Do not let our hearts
deviate from Your guidance
after You have guided us.

Grant us Your mercy, for You are the supreme Grantor.

Our Lord!

You will surely gather all people
on that coming day,
of which there is no doubt,
for God never breaks His promise.

3:8-9

January 28

All that people love and desire
was made attractive to them
— women and children,
abundant stores of gold and silver,
branded horses, cattle, and well-tilled land.
But all of these are
solely for the enjoyment of life
in this world,
for the most beautiful return will be with God.

3:14

January 29

The righteous say,
'Our Lord!
We have indeed believed;
then forgive us our sins
and save us from the torment of Hellfire.'

They are the steadfast, faithful, devoted ones,
those who spend their wealth charitably,
and who beg for God's pardon,
even late at night.

3:16-17

January 30

God bears witness
that He alone is God;
the angels
and those who possess true knowledge
do likewise.

God oversees His creation with justice,
for there is no other god but He,
the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

3:18

January 31

[O Muhammad]

Say, 'O God, our Sovereign Lord,
You give power to whomever You will,
and You take away power from whomever You will;
You honour whomever You will,
and You humble whomever You will.
You hold in Your hand all that is good.
You, indeed, can do anything.

O God, You merge the day into the night
and the night into the day.
You bring forth the living from the dead,
and the dead from the living.
You give unlimited sustenance
to whomever You will.'

3:26-27

February

February 1

[O Muhammad]

Say, 'Whether you hide what is on your mind,
or disclose it,

God knows all your thoughts.

He also knows everything
in the heavens and the earth,
for there is nothing God cannot do.

On Judgment Day everyone will be accountable
for all of their deeds,

both good and bad.

They will wish to distance themselves
from their bad deeds,

as God Himself has warned you.

But God is also compassionate
toward His servants.'

3:29-30

February 2

[O Muhammad]

Say, 'If you love God, then follow me.

Then God will love you
and will forgive your sins.

God is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.'

Say, 'Obey God and the Messenger,'

and then if they turn away,

God will not love those nonbelievers.

3:31-32

February 3

And when Mary's mother gave birth,
she said, 'My Lord! I have given birth to a female,
and I have named her Mary,
and I ask You to protect her and her offspring
from the accursed Satan.'
But God knew that she had given birth
to a female infant;
a male is not like a female.

Then her Lord accepted Mary
with His gracious favour
and caused her to grow up in purity.
And Prophet Zachariah took care of her.
When he would come to see her,
he found that she always had food and provisions,
and he said, 'O Mary, how do you have all of this?'
And she would answer, 'All this is from God.
God provides to whomever He wills, without limits.'

February 4

And the angels said,
'O Mary! God has chosen
and purified you
from among all women who ever lived,
at all times and in all places.
God indeed has chosen you.

O Mary! Devote yourself to your Lord;
bow down in prayer,
alongside all those of every time and place
who have bowed to the Lord.'

3:42-43

February 5

And the angels said,
'O Mary! God gives you glad tidings;
His Word is that [you will bear a son],
and his name will be the Messiah, 'Isa [Jesus]
the son of Mary.
He will be highly honoured in this worldly life
and in the Hereafter.
He will be one of those who are close to God.
He will speak to people from the time he is in the cradle,
until his adulthood,
for He will be one of the righteous.'

And Mary responded, 'My Lord! How can I have a son
when no man has touched me?'
But the angel said, It will be.
God creates whatever He wills
and when He has decreed something
He need only say to it, 'Be'
and it will be.

February 6

And God promised to teach 'Isa [Jesus] the Book,
Wisdom, Torah and Gospel.

For He would send him as a Messenger
to the Children of Israel,
telling them: 'I have come to you with a sign
from your Lord.

I can create for you, from clay, the figure of a bird,
and when I breathe into it, it will,
with God's permission,
turn into a living bird.

And I can also cure the blind
and the lepers and bring life back to the dead,
all with God's permission.

And I can also tell you what foods you have eaten
and which foods you have stored in your homes.
In all of this, there are surely signs,
if you would only believe.'

February 7

[And 'Isa [Jesus] said to the Children of Israel,]
'I have come to confirm
what was revealed before me in the Torah.
And I came to make lawful for you
some things that were once unlawful.
I brought you a sign from your Lord,
that you should fear God and obey me.

For God is surely my Lord and your Lord;
therefore worship Him alone.
This is the Straight Path.'

And when Jesus felt their unbelief,
he asked them, 'Who are my helpers in God's Way?'
The disciples answered, 'We are God's helpers.
We believe in God and bear witness
that we submit to Him [that we are Muslims].'

3:50-52

February 8

We recite to you [the Qur'an]
with verses and wise reminders.

To God, 'Isa [Jesus] is surely like Adam,
whom He created from dust
and to whom He then said, 'Be'
and he was.

This is the Truth from your Lord;
therefore, do not be among those who doubt it.

3:58-60

February 9

[O Muhammad]

Say 'We believe in God

and in what was revealed to us [in the Qur'an].

And we believe in what was revealed

to Ibrahim [Abraham], Ismael [Ishmael], Ishaq [Isaac],

Ya'qob [Jacob], the Tribes,

and in what was given through Musa [Moses],

'Isa [Jesus] and to the Prophets from their Lord.

We make no distinction among them all

and we are submissive to Him, in Islam.'

3:84

February 10

O all you who believe!
Fear God as He should be feared
[throughout your life];
ensure that you die only in a state of submission
to God, in Islam.

3:102

February 11

To God belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth.
God forgives whomever He wills
and punishes whomever He wills.
Yet God is ever the Most Forgiving,
the Most Merciful.

3:129

February 12

Hurry to gain the forgiveness of your Lord
and to be rewarded with Paradise,
which is as wide as the heavens and earth together.
It is prepared for those God-fearing people
who spend charitably
whether they are prosperous or not,
who control their anger,
and who pardon others
— God loves those who do good.

When such God-fearing people do a bad deed
or are wronged themselves,
remember God and ask forgiveness,
for none can forgive sins except God.

Such God-fearing people do not also persist in doing
what they know is wrong.
Their reward is forgiveness from their Lord
and Gardens from which rivers flow,

where they will live forever.
And this is the best reward
for those who strive to do good.

3:130-136

February 13

And [the faithful] say always:
'Our Lord! Forgive us our sins
and any shortcomings in fulfilling our duties,
brace our footsteps
and help us resist those who deny the Truth.'
These are the people to whom God
gives the reward of this world,
and who will attain the best reward
in the Hereafter.
For God loves those who do good.

3:147-148

February 14

Truly there are signs,
in the creation of the heavens and the earth,
and in the alternation of the night and day,
for people who understand.
Those who remember God always,
even while they are standing,
sitting, or lying down,
and who ponder over the creation
of the heavens and earth,
say 'Our Lord;
You have not created all of this without purpose.
Glory to You.
Shield us from the torment of Hellfire.'

3:190-191

February 15

[The believers said,]

'Our Lord!

Whoever You send into Hellfire
is surely disgraced,
for on the Day of Judgment transgressors
will have no supporters.

Our Lord!

We have heard the call to believe,
and we believed.

Our Lord!

Forgive us our sins,
cleanse us of our bad deeds
and take to Yourself our souls
amid the company of the righteous.

Our Lord!

You never break a promise:
grant us what You promised
through all Your Messengers,
and do not humiliate us on the Day of Judgment.'

Then the Lord accepted their prayers,
saying 'Never will I lose sight of any of your deeds,
be you male or female,
for you all sprung one from the other.'

3:192-195

February 16

Surely God does not treat anyone unfairly,
even as slightly as the weight of an atom.
But He rewards good deeds many times over
and from His riches grants a great reward.

4:40

February 17

God commands you,
to return anything with which you have been entrusted,
to the owners.

And when you judge between people,
you must judge justly.

God gives the best advice,
for God is surely the All-Hearing, and the All-Seeing.

4:58

February 18

Who can be worthier
than one who turns his or her face
to God in submission,
who does good deeds
and follows sincerely Ibrahim's [Abraham's] worship
of One God,
as God has taken Ibrahim [Abraham]
as an intimate friend?
For God is the All-Aware
and to Him belongs all that is
in the heavens and the earth.

4:125-126

February 19

And to God belongs whatever is in the heavens
and all that is of the earth.

We have asked you, [O Muslims]
and those before you who had the Book,
to revere God.

But if you do not believe,
know that everything in the heavens and the earth
belongs to God.

He is above all physical needs
and worthy of all praise.

For to God belongs whatever is in the heavens
and all that is of the earth;
it is sufficient that He alone is the Caretaker
of the Universe.

4:131-132

February 20

Whoever desires a reward in this life should remember that all rewards here and in the Hereafter are from God alone. God is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

4:134

February 21

O all you who believe!
Stand up for justice as impartial witnesses
for God's sake,
even though it may be against yourselves,
your own parents or your near relatives
Whether those affected are rich or poor,
God is their Caretaker.
And do not allow self interest to blind you,
giving false witness or refusing to give witness at all.
Remember that God knows all that you do.

4:135

February 22

O all you who believe!
Believe in God, in His Messenger,
in the Book [the Qur'an] sent down to the Messenger
and the Book sent down before.

Whoever does not believe in God,
in His Angels,
in His Books, in His Messengers
or in Judgement Day
has surely gone far astray.

Those who go back and forth
between belief and disbelief,
will not be forgiven by God or be guided into
the Way of Truth.

4:136-137

February 23

God does not delight in hearing negative speech, except by one who has been wronged to inform others, for God is the All-Hearing and the All-Knowing.

Whether you do good deeds in public, or in secret, or you pardon someone for doing a bad deed, remember that God the All-Powerful is All-Pardoning.

4:148-149

February 24

We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad]
as We revealed to Noah and the Prophets
who came after him.

We revealed also to Ibrahim [Abraham], Ismael
[Ishmael], Ishaq [Isaac], Ya'qob [Jacob],
and the Tribes;
to Isa [Jesus], Ayob [Job], Younes [Jonah], Haroon
[Aaron] and Solyman [Solomon];
and We gave to Dawoud [David] the Zaboor [Psalms].
We also revealed to other Messengers before you;
some We told you about, while some We did not,
and Musa [Moses] spoke to God directly.

All were sent as God's Messengers,
as bearers of good news as well as warners,
so that people would not have a complaint against God
after those Messengers were sent.
God is ever the All-Mighty and the All-Wise.

February 25

O people!

The Messenger [Muhammad] has come among you with the Truth from your Lord.

Believe it, for this is good for you.

But if you do not believe, remember that whatever is in the heavens and the earth belongs to God.

For God is the All-Knowing and the All-Wise.

4:170

February 26

[Jesus] the Messiah never felt too proud
to be God's servant,
nor do the Angels who are near to Him.
Whoever feels too proud and arrogant
to worship and serve God
should remember that He will summon everyone
[on the Day of Judgment.]

Those who in this life believed and did good deeds,
will be rewarded by His bounty.
But those who were too proud and refused to believe,
will be punished with painful torments;
except for God, they will not find anyone
to protect or help them.

4:172-173

February 27

O people!

Convincing proof has come to you
from your Lord [through our Messenger, Muhammad,]
through whom We sent down [the Qur'an]
to be a clear guiding light.

To those who believe in God and remain faithful,
He will grant them His mercy and bounty,
and guide them to Him through the Straight Path.

4:174-175

February 28

O all you who believe!
Stand up for God as just witnesses
and strive to be fair, even to your enemies.
Be just, for justice leads to piety,
and revere God, for God knows all that you do.

God promises forgiveness
and great rewards to those who believe
and do good deeds.
As for those who do not believe
and who deny God's signs,
they are destined for Hellfire.

5:8-10

March

March 1

O all you who believe!
Revere God,
seek the means to come closer to Him,
and strive for His sake,
so that you may be successful.

5:35

March 2

[Jesus] the Massiah, the son of Maryam [Mary],
was a Messenger like those before him,
and his mother was a saint.

They [were both human and] had to eat [to live].
See how We show the people clear signs
and yet look how they turn away from the Truth.

Say to them, therefore, 'Would you worship,
in addition to the One God,
someone else who possesses neither the power to harm
nor the strength to benefit you?'
For only God is the All-Hearing and the All-Knowing.

5:75-76

March 3

All praise is due to God,
who created the heavens and the earth,
and made darkness and light;
yet those who do not believe [in God]
worship divinities as equal with their Lord.

It is He who created you from clay,
and then set the span of your life
according to His determined times,
yet you have doubts.

He alone is God in heavens and earth;
He knows whatever you conceal
and whatever you reveal.
And He also knows whatever you earn.

6:1-3

March 4

On [Judgment] Day, God will gather
the Messengers and ask them,
'What response did you receive from the people?'
But they will answer, 'We have no knowledge,
for surely only You can be
the All-Knowing and the All-Seeing.

And then God will say,
'O Jesus, son of Mary!
Recall My blessings
upon you and your mother.
I have helped you through the Holy Spirit,
[who is the Angel Gabriel];
I made you able to talk to people
when you were still a baby in the cradle.
When you were older, I taught you the Book,
Wisdom, the Torah, and the Gospel.

With My permission
you created a bird figure out of clay,

and with My permission
you breathed into it and turned it into a living bird.
With My permission,
you cured the blind and the leper,
and with My permission
you raised the dead to life.
And I also defended you
from the Children of Israel,
when you brought them clear signs,
and when the nonbelievers among them said,
'This is merely magic!'

5:109-110

March 5

[On the Judgment Day God will say to Jesus,]
'Recall My blessings upon you:
I inspired your disciples
to believe in Me and in My Messenger,
and they answered,
'we believe and bear witness
that we are among those who submit
to You in Islam.'

And when the disciples asked,
'O Jesus, son of Mary!
Can your Lord send down to us
a table from Heaven?'
Jesus answered, 'Fear God, if you are true believers.'
And they said, 'We wish to eat from it
and reassure our hearts,
knowing that you told us the Truth,
for then we will be witnesses to this miracle.'

And Jesus, son of Mary, prayed,
'O God, our Lord!
Send us from Heaven a feast-table
to provide enough food for all of us,
from first to last.
This would be a miraculous sign from You,
who is the Best Provider.'

God answered, 'I will surely send it down
for all of you.
But if anyone disbelieves after that,
I will punish them more severely than
I have ever punished anyone else in the world.'

5:111-115

March 6

[On the Judgment Day when God asks,]
'O Jesus, son of Mary! Did you tell the people
to accept you and your mother as two gods,
apart from the One God?'

Jesus will answer, 'All glory to You.
Never did I say what I had no right to say,
for if I had, You surely would have known.
You know all that is within me,
but I do not know what is within You,
for You are the All-Knowing, Who sees the Unseen.

I told the people only what You Yourself commanded;
that is, to 'worship God,
who is my Lord and their Lord.'
I bore witness to You while I was among them.

But when You took me [up to Heaven,]
You became their Watcher,
just as You are the Witness over all things.
If you punish them, they are still Your servants,

and if You forgive them,
You are praised as the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.'

And God will say,
'This is the Day when the truthful will benefit
from their honesty,
for they will be given gardens
with rivers flowing beneath.'
God will be well pleased with them
and they also will be pleased with their Lord.
Surely this is the supreme accomplishment.

To God belong the kingdoms of heavens and earth,
and all that exists within them,
for God is capable of everything.

5:116-120

March 7

Ask [people, O Muhammad],
'To whom belongs all that is in the heavens and earth?'
then answer, 'To God.'

He has written Mercy upon Himself.
He will surely summon you all on the Day of Judgment,
a day which will come absolutely,
without doubt.

Those who have lost themselves
are those who do not believe.
To Him belongs all that lives
at night and in the day.
He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

6:12-13

March 8

Ask [people, O Muhammad],
'Shall I take as a true friend
someone other than God,
Creator of the heavens and earth,
Who feeds all and is not fed?'
then answer; 'I have surely been commanded
to be the first to surrender completely to God in Islam
and never to be among those who acknowledge
other deities as equal partners with Him.'

6:14

March 9

If God afflicts any of you with some harm,
none but He can alleviate it,
and if He touches any of you with some good,
remember that He is capable of everything.
He is Supreme over His servants.
He is the All-Wise, the Infinitely Knowledgeable.

6:17-18

March 10

There is not a creature that moves on earth,
nor a bird that flies with wings,
that does not form communities like yours –
We have not missed mentioning anything
in the Book [the Qur'an] –
and all these creatures shall be summoned
to their Lord.

6:38

March 11

[O Muhammad,]

Say, 'I am not telling you that

I have all God's treasures,

nor that I know the unseen,

nor that I am an Angel.

I can follow only what has been revealed to me.'

Then ask; 'Are the blind and the sighted equal?

Do you not all reflect?'

6:50

March 12

[O Muhammad,]

Warn them through this [Qur'an]
that those who fear being summoned by their Lord
will have no friend or intercessor,
except God.

Now is when they should try to be righteous.

6:51

March 13

[O Muhammad],
When those who believe in Our signs come to you,
say to them, 'Peace be upon you all,
for your Lord is the ultimate in Mercy.
To any of you who has done a bad deed
out of ignorance,
but then repents and does good,
God will grant forgiveness,
as He is surely the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.'

6:54

March 14

God possesses the keys to the unseen,
which none but He knows.
He knows all that is on land and in the sea.
No leaf falls from a tree without Him knowing it,
nor is there a single grain hidden
in the depths of the earth,
nor anything fresh or dry,
that has not been recorded in an accurate book.

6:59

March 15

God takes back your souls by night while you sleep
and knows all that you do by day.

Then He raises you up for another day,
and repeats this until the appointed time of your death.
And then you will return to Him,
to render account to Him of all you have done
during your earthly life.

6:60

March 16

God is Supreme over all His servant peoples,
and sends angels to watch over you all.
When death comes, appointed angels
who never neglect their duty,
will take the souls of deceased people
and return them to their Lord God, the Truth.
Surely the judgment is His,
for He is the swiftest of reckoners.

6:61-62

March 17

Ask [people, O Muhammad],
'Who rescues you
from the dire calamities of land and sea?'
When you call humbly upon God, whispering,
'If He delivers us from this,
we will surely be among the grateful,'
say 'God rescues you from all calamities,
yet you would still associate partners with Him?'

6:63-64

March 18

In Truth, it is God who created
the heavens and the earth.

And on the Day [of Judgment] He will say 'Be'
and it will be,
for His word is the Truth.

And on that day when the trumpet is blown,
the kingdom will be totally His.

He is the All-Knowing, of the unseen,
as well as the seen.

He is the All-Wise, the Infinitely Knowledgable.

6:73

March 19

And remember when Ibrahim [Abraham] said
to his father, Azar:

‘Do you take idols for gods?

Surely, I see you and your people
were clearly wronged.’

So We showed to Abraham our kingdom
of the heavens and earth,
so that he would be one of those with firm faith.

6:74-75

March 20

It is God that created you
from a single soul,
and causes you to be on this earth
for a given time as living beings,
then stores you in the earth
as dead bodies.

We have clearly explained these signs
of Our creation
for those able to understand them deeply.

6:98

March 21

When the night had covered Ibrahim [Abraham]
in darkness, he saw a star.

He said, 'This must be my Lord.'

But when the stars had set,
he said, 'I do not like those god-lords who set.'

Then when he saw the moon rising on the horizon,
he said, 'This must be my Lord.'

But when the moon had set,
he said, 'Had not my true Lord been guiding me,
I would surely be among those who go astray.'

When he saw the sun rising, he said again,
'This is my Lord, for this is bigger.'

But when the sun had set he said,
'O my people, I am now certainly free from believing
in whatever partners you worship
along with the true Lord.

I turn my face wholly to Him
who has created the heavens and the earth.
I am totally committed to believing in One God
and am surely not among those
who recognize any partner with Him.'

6:76-79

March 22

Surely it is God who makes
the seed-grains and date-stones
to split and sprout.
He brings forth the dead from the living,
and the living from the dead.
This is what the true God can do.
How then, can you deviate from the Truth?

He makes the daybreak for working,
the night for resting,
and has set the sun and moon in the sky
for measuring time.
All these creations are perfectly determined
by the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing.

He created the stars to guide you
through darkness on land and at sea.

We have clearly explained these signs
of Our creation
for people who want to know.

6:95-97

March 23

God sends down water from the sky
and brings forth all types of plants.
Some of them are green,
and from them come heads of grain.
He causes clusters of dates to hang low
and near on the palm trees.
And He also creates gardens of grapes, of olives,
and of pomegranates, fruits both similar and varied.
Observe and reflect as you see these trees bear fruit
and as you witness how it ripens.
These are sure signs for all who believe.

6:99

March 24

God is the Originator
of the heavens and the earth.
How then can He have a son,
when He has no wife,
and yet has created
and knows about everything?

This is God your Lord,
there is no god but He,
Creator of all.
Worship Him and Him alone,
for He is the Guardian of everything.

Your human sight cannot see Him,
but He fully sees you.
He knows every fine detail,
for He is the Ultimate Expert.

6:101-103

March 25

Your Lord has revealed
clear insights to you [in the Qur'an].
Whoever sees the light
and lives by these revealed insights will benefit,
but whoever is blind, will only harm himself.
For I, [Muhammad,] am only God's Messenger,
and do not keep an eye on you.

6:104

March 26

Your Lord knows
who strays away from His path
and who are the rightly guided ones.

6:117

March 27

It is God Who created gardens,
trellised and untrellised,
with date-palms
and food crops of different flavours,
with olives and pomegranates,
with fruits both similar and varied.
Eat of these as they ripen,
but on the day of harvest,
give some also
to the poor and needy.
And do not over-eat,
for God does not approve of gluttons.

6:141

March 28

Come, I will tell you what your Lord
has prohibited you from doing.
First, do not associate any other partners
with the One God.

Be kind and caring to your parents.
Do not be tempted to kill your children
for fear of poverty –
We will provide for you and for them.
Do not even think of committing any sinful act,
in public or in secret.

Do not kill anyone whom God has forbidden
except as instructed by God, fulfilling the Truth.

These commands are given for your obedience,
so that you may attain true understanding.

March 29

Whoever does a good deed
will be rewarded ten-fold,
but one who does a bad deed
will only be punished for that
and no more likewise
and not be treated unjustly.

6:160

March 30

Say, [O Muhammad,]
'My prayers, my rituals, my life and my death
are all for the sake of God,
the Lord of the worlds,
with Whom there is no associate.
This is what I have been commanded
and I am the first to submit to God totally in Islam.'

Say also, 'Shall I seek a lord other than God,
who is the Lord of everything and everyone?'

No one inherits the deeds of others,
only their own.
And no person is held responsible
for the mistakes of others.

The final return of you all is to your Lord,
who will tell each one
the account of their disagreements.

March 31

Everyone's deeds will be weighed truthfully.
Those whose good deeds weigh most heavily
will be the successful ones
and those whose deeds are scant
will be the ones who lose their souls,
for they have denied and rejected Our signs.

7:8-9

April

April 1

We established you on earth,
and provided within you
the ability to make a living.
Yet you show little gratitude.
We created all of you,
and Adam before you,
and shaped you.
When We commanded the angels
to fall prostrate to Adam,
they did so.
But Satan was not among those
who prostrated themselves.

7:10-11

April 2

[Adam and his wife said,] 'Our Lord,
we have done wrong to ourselves
and if You do not forgive us
and have mercy on us,
we will both certainly
be among the losers.'

Then God said, 'Descend from Paradise,
and on earth you will find dwellings
and enjoyment for a given time,
where some of you will be enemies to the others.
There you shall live and die
and from there you shall be resurrected.'

7:23-25

April 3

O children of Adam!
Whenever you have Messengers
from among you
who tell you My words,
those who receive them with piety
and seek to do good,
need not fear nor grieve.
But those who reject Our words
and turn away in arrogance
will dwell in Hellfire forever.

7:35-36

April 4

O Children of Adam!
Dress beautifully
when you go to any masjid [mosque].
Eat and drink what is proper
but do not over-consume,
for God is not pleased
with those who eat to excess.

Say [O Muhammad],
'Who would forbid the means
for beautification allowed to God's servants,
or would disallow His good provisions?'
Say, 'All these are allowed
for the believers to use
in this earthly life
and will be so exclusively for them
on Judgment Day.'

Thus We clearly explain
these signs for people
who seek to know.

Then say, 'But my Lord has forbidden
sinful deeds,
committed openly or in secret,
unrighteous oppression,
or defying His commands
by having associates with God.
And it is also forbidden
to say wrong things about God
out of ignorance.'

7:31-33

April 5

Those who believe and do good deeds
will go to Paradise where they will live forever
in gardens with rivers flowing beneath them,
and We will remove any ego or hatred from them.

Those who dwell in Paradise will say,
'All praise to God
who has guided us to believe
and to do good deeds
so that we came to this place.
We would not be here unless God had guided us.
Indeed, God's Messengers have come to us
with the Truth.'

And they will hear,
'This is the Paradise
which you inherited as a reward
for what you have done.'

April 6

Indeed your Lord is the God who created
the heavens and earth in six days,
and then took command of the Throne.
God created the sun, moon, and stars
to move on divine command
and brings forth the darkness after daylight.
Everything in creation operates on God's laws.
All praise to God, Lord of the Universe.

7:54

April 7

Call on your Lord in a quiet and humble voice,
for God dislikes aggressive people.
And do not spread mischief on the earth
that God has set in order.

Call on your Lord reverently and hopefully,
remembering that His mercy
comes to those who seek to perfect their deeds.

7:55-56

April 8

When Musa [Moses] came
at the time and place
determined by Us,
His Lord spoke to him
and Moses answered,
'O my Lord, let me see You.'
God replied, 'You cannot see Me.
But look at that mountain
and if it remains in its place,
then you will see Me.'

And when His Lord appeared to the mountain,
the mountain collapsed into dust,
and Moses fainted.
When he regained consciousness he said,
'All glory to You.
I repent to You
and am foremost among believers.'

April 9

We sent Noah to his people and he said,
'O my people! Worship God.
You have no other god but One.
I fear for you in the punishment of [Judgment] Day.'

And to the people of 'Ad, We sent
their brother Hud, and he said,
'O my people! Worship God.
You have no other god but One.
Do you not fear God?'

And to the people of Thamud, We sent
their brother Salih, and he said,
'O my people! Worship God.
You have no other god but One.'

And to the people of Madyan, We sent
their brother Shu'aib, and he said,
'O my people! Worship God.
You have no other god but One.'

And after all of them, We sent [Musa] Moses
with signs to Pharoah and his people,
but they rejected them.
And look what punishment
those misguided ones received.

7:59,65,73,85,103

April 10

Say, [O Muhammad,] 'O people!
I am God's Messenger, sent to you all
from the One who has dominion
over the heavens and the earth.

There is no god but One,
who gives life and causes death.
Then believe in God and His Messenger,
the Prophet who cannot read nor write,
who believes in the words of God.
And follow him, so you too would be guided.'

7:158

April 11

Have [the nonbelievers] not reflected
upon the Kingdom of the heavens and earth
and everything in God's creation?
Do they not know that their end may be near?
What other message is there for them to believe in?

7:185

April 12

Remember your Lord
humbly and quietly
when you are alone
in a moderate and able voice,
in the morning and afternoon.

Do not be one of those
who are negligent in your duty.
For [all the angels] are never
too proud to worship,
praise and prostrate themselves
before their Lord.

7:205-206

April 13

[True] believers are those whose hearts tremble
when God is mentioned
and when His verses are recited to them.
These verses enhance their faith
and they trust fully in their Lord.

They also perform regular prayers
and spend their God-given wealth.

These are the true believers.
They are granted forgiveness,
high status and generous provision [in Paradise]
from their Lord.

8:2-4

April 14

Know that your wealth and your children
are part of your earthly trials,
[but that if you persevere in faith,]
God will reward you superbly.

O all you who believe!
If you become God-fearing,
God will grant you the wisdom
to judge between right and wrong,
and God will treat you gently
for your shortcomings
and forgive you.
God is the source of the greatest bounty.

8:28-29

April 15

God indeed does not change a bounty
He has given to a group of people
except when they change their inward selves,
for God is the All-Hearing and the All-Knowing.

8:53

April 16

Say [O Muhammad to the believers],
'If you love your fathers, your sons,
your brothers, your spouses,
your families, the wealth you have gained,
a vocation you fear losing, and dwellings
of which you are fond,
more than you love God,
God's Messenger and striving for God's cause,
then wait until God's Judgment.
God does not guide those who are ungodly.'

9:24

April 17

[O Muhammad]

Say, 'Nothing shall ever happen to us
unless God has ordained it.

God is our Lord,
in Whom believers should always trust.'

9:51

April 18

Believing men and women
are friends to one another,
they enjoin what is right
and forbid what is wrong,
they establish Salah [regular prayers],
give Zakah [charity],
obeying God and His Messenger.
And God will indeed shower them with mercy,
for God is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

God has promised
these believing men and women
gardens in Paradise
with rivers flowing beneath them.
There they will live for eternity,
in beautiful homes in Gardens of Eden.
And they will be granted
even more of God's bliss.
This is indeed the best success.

April 19

Say [O Muhammad to the believers],
'Carry on with your good work,
as God, His Messenger, and all the believers
will be witness to your deeds.
Remember, everyone will return to God,
the Knower of all that is seen and unseen.
He will evaluate all you have done.'

9:105

April 20

O all you who believe!
Be God-fearing
and among those who are truthful.

9:119

April 21

Surely your Lord is God,
the One who created
the heavens and the earth in six days
and then took His throne in command of the universe.
No one can intercede with Him
save with His permission.
This is God, your Lord,
therefore worship only Him.
Will you not remember?

To God you all will ultimately return,
for this is His sure promise.
He began your creation
and He will recreate you after death,
rewarding justly those who believed
and did good deeds.
But as for the nonbelievers,
they will drink boiling water
and endure painful torments
because of their unfaithfulness.

April 22

It is God who made the sun
a source of burning light,
and the moon a source of shining light,
and made the moon appear in different states,
so that you could learn to measure years
and the passing of time.

God has not created any of this
except through Truth;
thus He clearly explains the signs [of Creation]
for those who desire knowledge.

Truly, in the difference between night and day
and in everything He created
in the heavens and the earth,
God has indeed given many signs
for pious people
who are ever conscious of Him.

April 23

Truly, for those who believe
and do good deeds,
their Lord guides them
because of their faith.
In the delights of Paradise
rivers flow beneath them.
Their praise goes up as
'All glory to You, O God,'
their greetings are 'Peace,'
and their last supplication is
'All praise is due to God,
the Lord of the Universe.'

10:9-10

April 24

After being saved by God,
those who were once in distress
continue committing sins on this earth.

O people!
Your transgressions will return to haunt you.
Remember, all of the wealth and success
you enjoy in this life
is only temporary,
for you all will finally return to Us
for a reckoning of everything you have done.

10:23

April 25

God guides whomever He wills
to the Straight Path of faith
and calls them to the House of Peace.

Those who perfect their good deeds
will receive the best rewards, and more.
Their faces will never be disfigured
with darkness or dust,
for they will dwell in Paradise forever.

As for those who accumulate
only sin and bad deeds,
they will be dealt with accordingly
and will be humiliated
and be given no protection
from God's [punishment].
Their faces will turn dark as the night
and they will dwell in Hellfire forever.

10:25-27

April 26

[O Muhammad]

Say, 'Who provides everything for you
from both the heavens and the earth?

Who alone can grant you
the sense of hearing and sight?

And Who brings out the living from the dead
and the dead from the living?

Who manages the affairs of the entire universe?
They will say correctly, 'God does all of that.'

Then say, 'Why then, are you not God-fearing?'

Such is God your True Lord,
for beyond the Truth
there is nothing but falsehood.

How, then, can you turn away
[from the Truth]?

10:31-32

April 27

[O Muhammad]

Say, 'Have any partners whom you worship
besides the One God

been able to create the universe
and then begin it all over again?'

Say, 'God began the whole creation
and will restart it again.'

Why, then, do they turn away
[from this Truth]?

Say, 'Do any of these partners guide you to the Truth?'

Say, 'God alone guides you to the Truth.'

Thus, who should one follow?

The One God who guides us all to the Truth
or another who cannot lead
unless he himself is guided?

How is it that you cannot comprehend this?

10:34-35

April 28

[O Muhammad,]
when some people do not believe you,
say, 'I am responsible for my deeds
and you are responsible for yours;
we are not accountable for one another's deeds.'

10:41

April 29

God never treats people unjustly;
rather, it is people who treat themselves
and one another unjustly.

10:44

April 30

Surely, all that exists
in the heavens and in the earth
belongs to God.

And it is sure that His promise
[of a coming Day of Judgment]
is also true.

But most people either do not know this,
or do not want to know.

Yet it is God alone who gives life,
and takes it,
and to Him you shall return.

10:55-56

May

May 1

O people!

There has come to you [the Qur'an,]
containing commands from your Lord.

It is a cure and a healing
for your inward ills,
and gives guidance and mercy
for those who believe.

Therefore, say, 'You should be happy and rejoice
for having God's bounty and mercy,
for these are much better than
all you could gain in worldly life.'

10:57-58

May 2

Surely God's friends will never be afraid,
nor will they feel sadness,
for they are believers and God-fearing.
They deserve glad tidings in this worldly life
and also in the Hereafter.
And indeed, this is the greatest achievement.
God never breaks His promise.

10:62-64

May 3

And tell them about Noah when he said,
'O my people!... God has commanded me
to be among those who submit to Him in Islam.'

Likewise, Musa [Moses] said,
'O my people! If you believe in God,
then totally trust Him
if you have submitted to Him in Islam.'
And they answered, 'We trust God.
O Lord, do not put us on trial
to test whether we are wrongdoers;
and save us by Your mercy from the nonbelievers.'

10:71-72, 84-86

May 4

If your Lord had willed it,
surely all people on earth
would believe [in Him].
Then, [O Muhammad],
would you have to compel people
until they become believers?
No one can believe
except whom God wills,
but He puts His wrath
on those who are heedless.

10:99-100

May 5

[O Muhammad,]
Say, 'O people! If you doubt
the truthfulness of my religion,
know that I will never worship
anyone you would worship besides God;
I worship only God
who measures out
life and death and,
I have been commanded
to be among the believers,
and to 'turn your face towards the religion
of the One God
and not be among those
who ascribe partners to Him.

Thus do not call upon any other gods, besides God
for they can neither save nor benefit you.
If you do,
you will be counted among the transgressors.'

10:104-106

May 6

[O Muhammad,]

Say 'O people! Your Lord has revealed His Truth
to benefit any who will be guided,
those who are guided benefit themselves
while those who persist in misguided ways
will only harm themselves.

I am not a guardian over you.'

So follow that which has been revealed
to you, [O Muhammad]
and persevere until God passes [final] judgment,
for He is chief among judges.

10:108-109

May 7

‘Worship none but God.
I [Muhammad] am sent from Him to warn you
and deliver glad tidings,
for when you ask your Lord for forgiveness
and turn to Him in repentance,
He will grant you all good things
until the end of your allotted time on earth.

And He will also generously reward
those who show charity to others.
But if you turn away from His guidance,
I fear the punishment awaiting you
on the great Day [of Judgment].

For all return in the end to God,
who is Most Able to do anything.’

11:2-4

May 8

There is no living, moving creature on earth
for which God does not completely provide,
for He knows where every creature dwells and rests.
Indeed, every bit of this information
is recorded in a clear book.

He alone created the heavens and the earth
in six days and His throne was on the water.
[He then created people]
to see who among you would do the best of deeds.

But when you, [O Muhammad,] say that
everyone will be resurrected after death,
the nonbelievers [who deny the resurrection]
will say, 'This is nothing but blatant magic.'

11:6-7

May 9

When humans are allowed a taste of Our mercy
and We afterwards take it away,
they become despairing and ungrateful.
And when We let them taste blessing
after enduring a hardship,
they have merely said that the hardship is ended;
they are happy and proud,
[but do not think to praise their Lord].

[Such behaviour is common among people,]
but not with those who are steadfast
and faithfully perform good deeds;
it is they who are granted
forgiveness and great reward.

11:9-11

May 10

True believers
are those who do good deeds
and humble themselves
before their Lord.
Indeed, they are destined
to dwell in paradise
and live there forever.

11:23

May 11

Pray at the beginning and end of the daytime
and likewise at the beginning and end of the night.
This is a reminder for those who will heed the advice:
good deeds nullify the bad ones.
So be steadfast,
for God will not hold back His reward
for those who do good.

11:114-115

May 12

We sent Noah to his people to tell them,
'I am one sent to warn you –
worship none but the one God –
otherwise I fear for you
when the painful day of punishment comes.'

We sent also to the people of 'Ad
their brother Hud to tell them,
'O my people, worship God.
You have no god but Him.'

Then We sent to the people of Thamud
their brother Salih to tell them,
'O my people, worship God.
You have no other god but Him.'

And to the people of Madyan We sent
their brother Shu'aib, to tell them,
'O my people, worship God,
for you have no other god but Him.'

And then We sent Musa [Moses]
to Pharaoh and his court with Our signs
and clear authority.

These are just some of the stories
We are telling you.
Some of these peoples still exist
and some have perished,
but We did not treat them unjustly;
they treated themselves unjustly.
The gods which they worshipped
instead of the One God
have not saved them.

11:25,50,61,84,96,101

May 13

To God belongs all
that is seen and unseen
in heavens and earth,
for all things refer back to Him.
Therefore, worship Him
and trust Him completely,
for your Lord is aware
of all that you people do.

11:123

May 14

We sent also to the people of 'Ad
their brother Hud to tell them,
'O my people, worship God.
You have no god but Him,
If you say you do,
you are not telling the Truth.

O my people, I ask no compensation
for this message,
since I am being rewarded by Him
Who created me.
Do not you understand?

O my people, repent
and ask your Lord for forgiveness.
Then He will send down abundant rain,
and will add to your strength
with even more of the same.
So do not run away
like common criminals.'

11:50-52

May 15

Then We sent to the people of Thamud,
their brother Salih to tell them,
'O my people, worship God.
You have no other god but Him.
He created you from earth
and settled you within it.
So repent and ask Him for forgiveness.
My Lord is always near and responsive.'

11:61

May 16

And We sent to the people of Madyan
their brother Shu'aib to tell them,
'O my people, worship God
You have no other god but Him.
When doing business,
do not shortchange others
in volume or in weight,
for I see you are good but if you are improper,
I am afraid of the punishment that will result
on the all-encompassing Day [of Judgment].

Therefore, O my people, be just in business,
giving full volume and weight;
likewise, do not undervalue the products of others.
Avoid committing wrongs on this earth
and do not spread corruption.'

11:84-85

May 17

God raised the heavens on unseen pillars.
Then from His throne
He commanded the sun and the moon
and they became submissive to serve you all;
each heavenly body runs its course for a given time.

God is in charge of everything
and has explained these things in detail,
so that you may firmly believe
that you will meet your Lord.

13:2

May 18

It was God who spread out the earth
and created mountains to stabilize it
and also rivers.

He also created every kind of fruit in pairs
and made the night to slowly cover the day.
In each of these things are signs
for people who would reflect.

And on earth [He placed] land-masses side by side,
yet if watered with the same water,
some will produce vineyards;
on others there are plants;
on some, date-palms grow from the same roots;
on others they grow separately.
We distinguish all plants by taste,
for people to know which are edible.
In all of these [wonders] are signs
for people who would understand.

May 19

God knows what every female bears
and whether her pregnancy will be short or long,
for everything in creation has its exact measure.
God is the Greatest, the Most Exalted;
He knows all that is seen and unseen.

He also knows what any person utters
either openly or secretly,
and knows whether any of you
is hiding at night, or going about freely by day.

13:8-10

May 20

Truly, God does not change the condition
of a given people
for better or worse,
unless they act to change themselves from within.
But if God wills that a given people be harmed,
no one can stop Him
and they will find no protector,
except by appealing to Him.

13:11

May 21

Everything and everyone in the heavens and on earth submits to God, willingly or unwillingly; even their shadows in morning and afternoon.

Therefore, [O Muhammad], ask
'Who is the Lord of the heavens and the earth?'
Reply, [if they do not], 'God is,' then ask,
'Why then, do you acknowledge and worship
other helpers and protectors besides Him,
although they have no power to do benefit
or to harm themselves?'

Then, [to get their attention,] ask
'Do you think a blind person
is the same as one who can see?
Or that darkness is the same as light?
Or that some invented partners of God
made similar creations to that of God's
and both look similar?'

Say, 'God, alone, created everything that exists.
He is the One, the Most Supreme.'

13:15-16

May 22

Is the one who knows
that what has been revealed to you
is the Truth from your Lord
the same as the one who acts blind to it?

Only those who really understand
pay attention to this;
they are the ones
who fulfill God's divine covenant
and do not break with it.
They are also the ones
who follow God's commands by being kind
to their families and relatives,
who revere their Lord
and dread the terrible reckoning.

They are also the ones
who remain steadfast
for the Lord's sake,
who keep the discipline of regular prayers,

and who spend in secret or openly
from what We have bestowed on them.

They prevent evil through doing good;
indeed, it is they who have the best destiny –
the gardens of Eden.

Along with all their righteous parents,
spouses and offspring,
they enter there and angels will greet them
from every gate,
saying 'Peace be upon you,
for what you have steadfastly endured.
What an excellent final home you now have!'

13:19-24

May 23

[God gives] the best rewards
to those who answer the call of their Lord.
As for those who have not answered Him,
they cannot save themselves
using what they possess,
even if they possess everything on earth,
or twice as much.

For they will come to judgment
with the worst records
of accountability
and their destined home will be Hellfire,
the worst resting place of all.

13:18

May 24

Those believers whose hearts feel tranquility
when they remember God –
for only with God's remembrance
can hearts feel tranquility –
and those believers who do good deeds
will receive divine happiness
and will be rewarded with the best home of all
when they return [to their Lord].

13:28-29

May 25

Messengers said to the nations
before you, [O Muhammad,]
'Can there be any doubt that God,
creator of the heavens and the earth, [is One]?

He calls upon you to believe,
to repent and be forgiven your sins,
and thus to postpone your accountability
until a given time.'

But the people answered the Messengers, saying
'You are nothing but humans like us.
You are trying to turn us from the gods
our forefathers worshipped!
Therefore, show us some clear proof
that your message is true!'

The Messengers said,
'Yes, we are humans like you,
but God has bestowed grace
upon whomever He wills

by choosing Messengers
from among His human servants.
We cannot show clear proof
unless God wills it,
for believers should always trust in God.

And why should we not trust in God,
who has guided each of us to our rightly ways?
We will steadfastly bear whatever you do to hurt us,
for those who trust in God trust only Him,
they are the truly trusting people.'

14:10-12

May 26

Have you heard how God
presents a parable?

A good word is just like a good tree,
with many branches full of leaves.

Its roots go deep
and its branches reach for the sky;
it always produces fruit according to the will of God.
God presents parables
so that people may remember them.

Likewise, an evil word is like a bad tree,
with shallow roots and no foundation,
easily pulled up from the surface of the earth.

God confirms believers with truthful speech,
both in this life and the next.

God also leaves the transgressor
without guidance
and does what He wills.

14:24-27

May 27

[O Muhammad]

Tell My servants who believe in Me
to offer up regular prayers
and to spend in secret or in public
from the wealth We have given them,
before the Day [of Judgment] comes
when there will no longer be any dealings or friendship.

14:31

May 28

It is God who created
the heavens and the earth
and who sends down rain from the sky,
to provide you with fruits
for your sustenance.
He also made ships submissive
to serve you all,
sailing the seas by His command;
likewise He makes the rivers submit to serve you.
He also placed the sun and the moon
in their heavenly courses
to continually serve you
and made also both night and day
to serve you.

Moreover, He grants all that you ask.
But if you try to count God's blessings,
you will find it impossible to do so.
Humans can be ungrateful transgressors
and hide God's Truth.

May 29

[Then Ibrahim [Abraham] said,]
'Our Lord,
you know all that we conceal and reveal',
for nothing in heaven or on earth
is hidden from God.
All praise to God,
who blessed me even in my old age,
with sons Ismael and Ishaq [Ishmael and Isaac].
Indeed, my Lord answers [sincere] prayers.

O my Lord,
guide me in the discipline of performing
regular prayers: Salah.
Likewise guide my offspring.

Our God,
Accept my invocation.
Our Lord,
forgive me, my parents, and all believers
on the final day established for reckoning.'

14:38-41

May 30

Remember when Ibrahim [Abraham] said,
'O my Lord,
make this city [of Mecca]
a place of peace and security
and guide me and my two sons away
from worshipping idols.

O my Lord,
the false gods have indeed led astray
many people.
Whoever would follow me
will belong [to my religion]
and whoever disobeys me
[may receive Your forgiveness,]
for You are the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

O my Lord,
I have settled children of mine
in a barren valley
near Your sacred house, [the Ka'bah].

Our Lord,
guide them in the discipline
of performing regular prayers: Salah.

Make the hearts of some people loyal to them
and provide them with provisions to live by,
so they will be thankful.'

14:35-37

May 31

And We spread out the earth
and established on it firm mountains,
from which everything grows
in due proportion.

And We made a livelihood possible
for you all on earth,
for no creature can provide for itself
without Our will.

There is nothing in existence
that We do not
manage in abundance,
but it is sent down
in predetermined amounts.

Likewise, We also send winds
as means of fertility
and rain from the sky for you to drink,
yet you cannot store it.

We cause life and death
and possess all as the sole inheritor.

Indeed, We know you humans
from your first generations
to your later ones.

Indeed, your Lord will gather them all up
for He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing.

15:19-25

June

June 1

Those who have truly revered God
dwell in Paradise amid gardens and fountains,
where they are welcomed in peace and security.

And We remove from their souls all bitterness
as they will be all equal fellows
living on beds facing one another.

They will never feel fatigue again
and will dwell there forever.

Therefore, tell My servants that I, [their God,]
am the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.
But My torment is also the most painful.

15:45-50

June 2

God's command [for a Day of Judgment]
is coming, so do not seek to hasten it.

Glory to Him who is exalted above anyone else
that the people may take as a partner.

By His command, He sends down
angels with revelations
to communicate to those servants He chooses.

He directs those servants, [the Messengers],
to warn humanity,
'There is no god but Me, so be conscious of Me.'

16:1-2

June 3

God sends down rain from the sky,
for you to drink, to grow feed for your cattle,
and to water your crops — olive and palm trees,
grapevines and every kind of fruit.

All this is a sure sign for people
who would reflect upon it.

It is He who also makes for your service
the night and the day,
the sun, the moon, and the stars,
all of which are subject to His command.

In all of these there are signs for people
who would understand,
likewise in whatever He has created
for you on earth in many different colours.

In everything, there are signs
for people who would revere [God].

June 4

God has created
the heavens and the earth in Truth,
for He is exalted above anyone
the people may take as a divine partner.
He created human beings
from a few simple cells,
[which combined and grew].
Yet behold — some of them later rose up
as opponents [to their own Creator]!

Moreover, God created cattle
to produce warm hides for clothing
other uses, and meat to eat;
they give beauty
when you bring them home in the evenings
and lead them out to pasture in the mornings.

They can also transport heavy burdens
across the country.
Without the help of these animals

you would travel only with great difficulty.
Your Lord is indeed the All-Kind
and the Most Merciful.

He also created horses, mules and donkeys,
both to ride and for adornment.
And He made yet other creatures
about which you know nothing.

16:3-8

June 5

God makes the sea subject to ships,
so that you may sail on it
and draw from its depths
tender meat to eat
and [pearls] for jewelry,
thereby gaining a living from its bounty.
God made all of this
so that you would be grateful.

And it is He who built up
unshakable mountains on the earth
so it will not tilt with you on it,
and rivers and roads for your use
as guides and landmarks,
just as you use the stars.

Is He who creates such wonders
the same as one who does not create?
Would people not remember this?

Indeed, you would not be able
to count God's blessings,
even if you tried.
God is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

16:14-18

June 6

All those idols who are called upon,
besides the One God,
do not create anything,
for they themselves have been created.
They are not alive at all;
they are mere dead things
and know nothing about their resurrection.

But your God is the One God.
Those who do not believe in the life hereafter
deny the Truth in their conceit.
Yet God surely knows
what they conceal and what they reveal.
He does not like those who are conceited.

16:20-23

June 7

When the God-fearing are asked,
'What has your Lord revealed?'
they reply, 'Everything that is good.'

Indeed, those who do good are rewarded
with present good,
and their life in the hereafter is even better.
For the gardens of Eden,
[the final home of the God-fearing,]
[are by far the best;]
a place where rivers flow amid the gardens,
and where they can enjoy whatever they wish.

This is how God rewards the righteous,
for Angels will take their good souls,
saying 'Peace be upon you.
Welcome to Paradise, the reward
for what you have done.'

16:30-32

June 8

We sent a Messenger to every nation,
commanding the people to worship God
and forsake all false gods.

Some of the people have been blessed
by God's guidance
and some have gone astray.

Travel throughout those lands
and see how those who denied
God's Truth ended up.

Remember, [O Muhammad,]
though you work hard
to guide your people,
God will not guide
those who insist on being misguided.
Such people have no true helpers.

16:36-37

June 9

Those nonbelievers who deny the resurrection
swear with the strongest of oaths
that God will not resurrect whoever dies.
But in Truth He will certainly do this,
just as He promised,
although most people do not know it.

He will make the promise of resurrection plain
for those who object,
to show nonbelievers the Truth
and that they were but liars to doubt Him.
Indeed, when We will anything,
We need only say 'Be' and it will be.

16:38-40

June 10

Have the nonbelievers really seen
what God has made?

Some created entities have shadows
moving to right and left,
all in a state of perfect submission to God.

Everything in the heavens and the earth,
every creature that can move,
submits to God.

Angels also submit humbly to God.
They revere their Lord on high
and do as He commands.

God said 'Do not take two gods,
for there is but One.
Thus you must fear and worship only Me.'

16:48-51

June 11

Whatever exists in the heavens and on the earth belongs to God.

To Him also belongs the true faith.

Then, [O people,] will you still fear something other than God?

Remember, whatever bounty you have received is entirely from God.

When any harm touches you,
it is to Him that you cry aloud for help
and He alleviates the harm.

Yet some still choose to associate partners
with their Lord.

Let them have their disbelief
and enjoy what they have been given.
Eventually the Truth will be known.

16:52-55

June 12

God sends rain down from the sky
to revive the dry earth after it was dead.
This is only one sign
for people who care to listen.

And there is another sign for you in cattle.
From the udders of cattle,
We give you pure milk.
Although it comes out
between excretions and blood,
the milk is good and pleasant to drink.

God also created fruits
of the date-palm and vineyard,
from which one can make healthy products
as well as intoxicating drink.
In this there is another sign
for those people who would comprehend.

16:65-67

June 13

Your Lord inspired the bees,
saying, 'Make your home in mountains,
trees, and in the hives that humans build.
Then eat from every kind of flower
and travel on your Lord's pathways.'
For out of the bellies of bees,
there comes a liquid [honey]
with different colors,
which contains within it
healing effects for people.
In this there is a sign
for people who would reflect.

God has created you all.
He causes you either to die young
or to live to such an old age
that you no longer know anything
you used to know in youth.
God is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Capable.

June 14

All that is unseen
in the heavens and on the earth
belongs to God.
The timing [of Judgment Day] is as near as
the twinkle of an eye,
or even nearer,
for God is indeed capable of everything.

God also brought you out of your mothers' wombs;
you knew nothing at birth,
but He gave you the senses of hearing and sight,
as well as hearts [capable of insight].
God has given you all these gifts
so that you may be thankful.

Have people not seen birds aloft in the sky,
with nothing holding them up except God?
In these there are signs for people who would believe.

June 15

God has safeguarded your homes as places of rest.
He also provided the hides of cattle for you
to make homes
that are light and easy to carry
when you travel or settle.
And from the cattle, hair of different types.
He has provided you with material to make
temporary furniture and household goods.

From natural things in creation,
God has given you shade from the sun,
in the mountains,
He has given you houses
and from other natural substances
He has provided material for garments to protect you
from the heat and other garments to shield you
on the battlefield.
His bounty to you is complete
so that you may gladly submit to Him.

June 16

Remember the coming day
when We will resurrect
from every nation
a witness to testify on behalf of his people.
And We will bring you [O Muhammad]
as a witness for your people,
As We have sent the Qur'an down to you
to clarify everything, to serve as a guide, a mercy,
and a bearer of glad tidings to Muslims.

God directs you [O Muslims] to be just,
to perfect your deeds,
and to do good to relatives.
He also enjoined upon you to prevent evil,
unlawful deeds, and transgressions.
God advises you of these things
so that you will pay attention.

16:89-90

June 17

If God willed it,
He could have made all of you
into one believing nation.
But He misguides whomever He wills,
and guides whomever He wills,
and in the end you will certainly be questioned
about what you used to do.

16:93

June 18

For any man or woman
who is a believer and does good deeds,
We will bless that person
with a pleasant earthly life
and reward them [on Judgment Day]
according to the best of their deeds.

16:97

June 19

[O Muhammad]

Call to the way of your Lord
using wisdom and kind advice
and enter into positive dialogue
[with those of other religions].
For your Lord knows best who has gone astray
and who is rightly guided in His path.

If you must punish your enemy,
then punish only to the extent
that you yourself have been offended –
but it is much better to practice restraint instead.
Remain steadfast,
for you can do this only with God's help.

Do not feel sad about nonbelievers,
or worry over what they plot against you,
for God is surely with those who have piety
and who work to perfect their good deeds.

16:125-128

June 20

The Qur'an guides to that which is best,
and brings glad tidings to believers
who do good deeds,
for they will be rewarded generously.
And for those who do not believe in the hereafter,
We have prepared for them painful torments in Hellfire.

17:9-10

June 21

We have attached the record of everyone's deeds
as close as his neck,
so that on the Day of Judgment
he will find them written as plainly as in an open book.
Then he will be told, 'Read your own book,
for today you are able to serve as judge and accountant
on your own behalf.'

Those who were guided benefited themselves;
likewise, those who were misguided
harmed only themselves.
No one assumes responsibility for others' deeds
and We never punish anyone
without first sending a Messenger.

17:13-15

June 22

If someone desires only enjoyment
in this brief life,
We will readily grant it,
for We give what We want
to whomever We wish.
But at the end,
only Hellfire awaits such a selfish person,
for he or she will be disgraced and rejected.

Conversely, a firm believer
who seeks eternal life,
and works generously
by doing more good deeds
than are required,
will be greatly appreciated [by the Lord].

Both kinds of people
receive your Lord's unconditional
bounty in this life,
but pay attention

to how We prefer one group
over the other.

Remember that the Hereafter
is much better
than this life
and should be your highest priority.
Therefore, do not worship
any other divinity
along with God,
for in the end you will sit alone,
forgotten and forsaken.

17:18-22

June 23

And your Lord has instructed
that all should worship none but Him,
and that everyone must treat their parents kindly.
When one or both reach old age,
do not scold or speak even a single word
of disrespect to them,
but rather address them in gentle speech.
Treat them always with humility,
mercy, and thankfulness,
saying 'My Lord, have mercy on them,
for they took care of me when I was young.'

Your Lord knows best what is within you.
If you are righteous,
He is then the Most Forgiving to all
who want to return to Him.

17:23-25

June 24

Do not kill your babies for fear of poverty,
for this is a great sin.

God will provide for you and for them.

Killing them is a great sin.

And do not even think of engaging
in promiscuous or adulterous sexual intercourse,
for this is a direct transgression [of God's natural law,]
and the very worst way.

And you must not kill anyone
whom God forbids you to kill –
except for ultimate reasons of justice.
For to whoever kills an innocent person,
God will give the family of the deceased
the right to choose the murderer's punishment.
But the bereaved should also exercise moderation
and not overdo the punishment,
for they lawfully have the upper hand.

17:31-33

June 25

And give to your relatives their due rights,
as well as to the poor and the wayfarer.

Do not spend lavishly,
for those who overspend are like the Devil,
who is always ungrateful to his Lord.

If you must turn away from those in need
[having nothing to give them at the time],
to gain the mercy of your Lord,
speak kind and encouraging words to them.

And [when you do have means] do not be miserly,
letting your hand choke you;
conversely, do not overextend your means
through lavish spending,
for then you will end up in severe poverty,
regretting what you have done.

Always remember that your Lord provides
to whomever He wills
and in ways that He is most capable.
To His faithful servants,
He is the Infinitely Knowledgable, the All-Seeing.

17:26-30

June 26

Do not be tempted in any way
to touch the money you hold in trust
for orphans until they become adults.

And you should fulfill any contracts you make,
for contracts are a great responsibility.

Be fair when you measure and weigh goods,
giving your clients the full and fair quantity
they deserve.

All of these [ethical practices]
are good for you
in the long run.

And do not suddenly follow any ideas
you do not understand,
for later on you may be questioned
as to how carefully you used your hearing,
sight, and insight.

June 27

Do not walk arrogantly on the earth,
for you will never be able to penetrate its crust,
nor reach as high as the mountains on your own.

Arrogance is hateful in your Lord's sight.
This is part of your Lord's revealed Wisdom.

And remember above all
not to take another god with God,
for if you do, you will be rejected
and thrown into Hellfire,
with only yourself to blame.

17:37-39

June 28

[O Muhammad]

Say, 'If God has other gods as the polytheists claim, then each would have tried a way to reach the throne of the supreme Lord.'

Glory to the One God,
who is exalted above all claimants.
All the seven heavens, the earth,
and all that is within them praise God;
there is nothing in all of creation which does not
give praise in its own way,
even though you may not understand
how this happens.
God is the All-Forbearing, the All-Forgiving.

17:42-44

June 29

[O Muhammad]

Perform your prescribed prayers
between mid-day until night time
and recite the Qur'an at dawn,
for this recitation is witnessed [by the angels].

And spend part of the night to do extra prayers.
Do this for your Lord's acceptance
and it will raise you to the most praiseworthy status
and say, 'My Lord, let me enter [Medina] truthfully
and exist [Mecca] truthfully
and grant me Your power to help others.'

And then say, 'Truth has come in triumph
and falsehood has been vanquished –
falsehood will always be vanquished.'

17:78-81

June 30

Through the Qur'an,
We reveal to believers
what is healing and merciful.
[The Qur'an also shows]
how the losses
of those who transgress
[God's law will increase].

When We bless people,
they turn away and become arrogant,
but when evil touches them they sink into despair.
Say, 'Each one of you can live in your own way,
for your Lord knows best who is most guided.'

17:82-84

July

July 1

Nothing has prevented people from believing
when [God's] guidance has reached them,
except that they ask,
'Why does God send a human messenger?'
[O Muhammad] Say,
'If angels could walk in peace on the earth,
God would have sent an angelic messenger
down from heaven.'

Say 'It is sufficient that God is a witness
between you and me.
He is fully aware and knowledgeable
of the faith and deeds of all His servants.'

17:94-96

July 2

Never say, 'I shall do this, or that, tomorrow,'
except to add 'if God wills.'

And remember your Lord
whenever you tend to forget,
saying, 'I hope God guides me
to an even better state
than the one in which I am now.'

18:23-24

July 3

Keep company with those worshippers
who always call upon their Lord
in the morning and the afternoon,
longing for His favor.

Do not turn away from them to seek instead
the glitter of this earthly life.
And do not take up with anyone
who follows low desires
and whose heart has been made heedless
of Our remembrance,
for that person's affairs will be chaotic.

18:28

July 4

Wealth and children
are sources of much enjoyment in this life,
but good deeds have everlasting value
and are even better for gaining reward and hope
from your Lord.

Remember the coming Day [of Judgment],
when We shall cause mountains to move
and you will see the earth in upheaval.

On that Day,
We will gather all people together,
leaving out no one.
And they will appear in rows
before your Lord,
and be given an audience.

And God will say,
'Now you all return to Us in the same state
as you were first created;
have you not claimed that
We will not meet you at a given time?'

18:46-48

July 5

[O Muhammad]

Say, 'Shall We tell you who will fare the worst
in the Hereafter,

although they worked very hard in this life?

They are those whose efforts are misguided,
although they think they are doing good.

They are those who ignore the signs
of their Lord's [presence]

and deny that they will meet Him.'

Thus they negate their deeds,

and on the Day of Judgment, We will not
pay attention to them.

Instead, they will be justly rewarded by Hellfire,
for they did not believe

and they made a mockery of My scriptures
and Messengers.

As for believers who do good deeds,
they will be rewarded by being brought
to the Gardens of Paradise.

They will live there for all time
and never want to leave.

18:103-108

July 6

[O Muhammad]

Mention God's mercy upon the Prophet Zachariah,
who called on the Lord in a whisper saying,
'My Lord, my bones have become feeble
and all my hair is grey.

But my Lord,

I have never been disappointed when I called You.
Now I fear for my lineage after my death,
for my wife is barren,
so bless me with an heir
to continue the line of Ya'qob [Jacob]
and make him, O Lord, one of those
with whom You are pleased.'

And God said, 'O Zachariah, We give you glad tidings
that you will beget a boy whose name is Yahya [John].
We have not given this name to anyone before him.'

July 7

[O Muhammad]
And also mention
in the Book [the Qur'an] Musa [Moses].
He was truthful,
a Messenger and a Prophet.
We called him
from the right hand side of the mountain
and drew him near to Us.
We blessed Musa [Moses]
by his brother Haroon [Aaron],
also as a Prophet, out of Our mercy.

19:51-53

July 8

[O Muhammad]
Mention in the Book [the Qur'an]
about Maryam [Mary],
mother of Isa [Jesus],
when she withdrew from her people
to an eastward place
and sheltered herself in privacy.

Then God sent her the angel [Gabriel,]
who appeared to her as totally human.
She said to him, 'I take refuge
in the Most Compassionate.
If you fear God, do not harm me.'

Then the angel said, 'I am God's messenger,
come to announce a blessing,
that you will bear a righteous son.'

Mary answered, 'How shall I conceive and bear a son
when no man has ever had intimate relations with me?
I am not an unchaste woman.'

The angel replied that 'this was your Lord's will'
and that God said, 'That is easy for Me;
your son will be a miracle of creation for all people
and a mercy from Us.
All this has been decreed.'

Then Mary conceived
and she withdrew to a distant place in her pregnancy.
When the pain of childbirth overcame her,
she rested against the trunk of a date-palm tree
and said, 'I wish I had died long ago
and was totally forgotten [by God].'

Then [the angel] called out from under her,
saying, 'Do not be sad.
Look, the Lord has provided
a running stream near you,
and if you shake the palm tree,
fresh ripe dates will drop down to you.'

July 9

[A moment after the birth of the baby Jesus]
the angel told his mother,
'Eat, drink, comfort yourself, and be happy.
If you see anyone coming, say,
'I have promised the Most Compassionate
for a penance not to talk
to any human being.'

When she carried [the baby Jesus]
back to her people, they said,
'O Mary, you have surely committed
a serious sin.
Kinswoman of Aaron, your father was not an evil man,
nor was your mother unchaste!'

But [Mary] did not answer their disapproval,
pointing instead to her child for an answer.
They said, 'How can we talk to a mere baby
in the cradle?'

But [baby Jesus] said, 'I am indeed God's servant.

He has given me the Book
and made me a Prophet.
He has made me blessed wherever I am,
placing upon me the obligations of Salah [prayers]
and to pay the Zakah [charity] as long as I live.

And He has obligated me to be kind to my mother
and not to become arrogant or rebellious.

Peace be upon me the day I was born, the day I die,
and the day when I shall be raised up again alive.'
So said Jesus, the son of Mary.

He made a statement of truth
which people continue to dispute,
for it is not fitting for God to have a son,
glory be to Him.
Yet when He decrees a thing, He says to it, 'Be'
and it happens.

19:26-35

July 10

[O Muhammad]

Mention in the Book [the Qur'an] Ibrahim [Abraham],
for he was a man of truth
and a Prophet.

He said to his own father,
'Why do you worship idols,
that which does not hear or see
and cannot benefit you at all?

O my father, I have been given [Divine] knowledge
which you yourself have not received.

Therefore, follow me.

I will guide you to the Straight Path.

O father, do not worship Satan,
for he rebelled against the Most Compassionate,
and I fear that you too will be touched by a punishment
from the Most Compassionate
and turned into a friend of Satan.'

His father answered,

'Son, do you reject our gods?
If you do not stop [speaking against them],
I will stone you.
Then for your own safety, leave me for good.'

He said, 'Peace upon you, father.
I will ask my Lord to forgive you,
for He is a friend to me.
But I must turn away from everything you worship,
apart from the One God.
I call only on my Lord,
for I will never be disappointed by Him.'

And when Ibrahim turned away from those people
and from the false gods they worshipped,
We blessed him with [son] Isaac and [grandson] Jacob
and made each of them a Prophet.
Ibrahim and his offspring were blessed
by the Lord's mercy
and have always been highly praised [as men of God].

July 11

[O Muhammad]
And mention Isma'el [Ishmael]
in the Book [the Qur'an],
for he truly kept his promises
as a Messenger and a Prophet.
He encouraged his family to do daily Salah [prayers]
and to give Zakah for charity.
His Lord was pleased with him.

19:54-55

July 12

[O Muhammad]
Mention Idris [Enoch]
in the Book [the Qur'an] as well.
He was also a man of truth,
and a Prophet whom We raised to high status.

All these Messengers and Prophets
are among the ones blessed by God,
the offspring of Adam.

And these Messengers and Prophets
are from the offspring of Noah
and the people saved on his ship;
from the offspring of Ibrahim and Israel [Jacob],
and from the offspring of those We chose to be guided.
They prostrate themselves with weeping
when the words of the Most Compassionate
are recited to them.

July 13

But these first Prophets and Messengers
were followed by generations
who neglected to perform Salah [prayers]
and instead followed their own desires.
They will be punished,
except for those who repent, believe,
and do good deeds;
the latter ones will be welcomed into Paradise
and nothing they did will lack just compensation.
Their homes in the unseen future will be
the Gardens of Eden,
which the Most Compassionate
has promised His servants.
And His promise will absolutely be fulfilled.

In Paradise, the deserving believers
will hear no evil talk;
but Salam [peace] greetings
and be provided with everything they need,
both in the morning and in the afternoon.

July 14

Only Our servants who were truly God-fearing
will inherit Paradise.

And we who are angels do not descend to earth
except at the command of your Lord.
To God belongs all that is before us,
behind us, and in between,
for your Lord is never forgetful.

He is Lord of heavens and earth and
all things in-between.
So worship only Him and continue to worship;
for do you know of any other being
that even comes close to Him?

19:63-65

July 15

The Most Compassionate
will make those who believe and do good deeds
live in love: being loved and loving.

19:96

July 16

[O Muhammad,]

We did not send down the Qur'an to cause you distress,
but only as a reminder to those who would revere God.

The Qur'an is a revelation from the One
Who created the earth and the high heavens,
The Most Compassionate to whom everything belongs;
all that in the heavens and the earth,
all that in between and all that deep in earth
commands the throne of the universe.

Whether you speak loudly or not,
God knows your every secret
and whatever is deeply hidden.
There is no other god but the One,
Who has the Most Beautiful Names.

20:2-8

July 17

[And God told Moses,]

‘I am your Lord.

Take off your shoes, for you are
in the sacred valley of Tawa.

I have chosen you,
so listen to what I will reveal to you.

Indeed I alone am God,

there is no god but I;

therefore, worship only Me

and perform regular Salah [prayers]

in My remembrance.

Indeed, the time [of Judgment Day] is coming,

when each person will be rewarded

according to their deeds,

but I am not revealing the exact time.

Do not let those who do not believe in that Day

turn you away from working for it,

for they follow their own desires

and will ultimately perish.’

July 18

[O Muhammad]

When they ask you

what happens to the mountains [on Judgment Day,]

say, 'My Lord will blast them

and turn them into dust.

Then you will see only a smooth plain,

with nothing uneven or curved.'

On that Day, all humankind will strictly follow
the Caller angel.

All voices will adopt a humble tone

toward the Most Compassionate,

so that nothing except whispering can be heard.

20:105-108

July 19

On [Judgment] Day, no intercession,
except what the Most Compassionate allows,
will be considered,
depending on whether God was pleased
with that person's speech.

God knows what will happen to all [in the Hereafter,]
as well as knowing all that happened to them
[in earthly life].

But humans, however, cannot totally know.

[On the Day of Judgment,]
all faces are humbled before the Ever-Living
and Sustaining God.

On that Day,
those who transgressed [God's guidance]
will be the losers.

But whoever did good deeds while a believer
will not have to fear any unjust or unfair treatment.

July 20

[O Muhammad]

Bear patiently what the nonbelievers say.

Praise your Lord always,

before sunrise and before sunset,

during the late night,

and at the end of the day,

and you will be pleased [with God's rewards].

And do not wish for anything,

for We have given to some people

the means to enjoy this worldly life

so they can be tested.

But the provision of your Lord [in the Hereafter]

is far better and will last longer.

Urge your family to perform and maintain

daily Salah prayers.

Humans are not asked to provide for Us;

instead, We have promised to provide for them.

The best return to God

is reserved for those who are pious.

20:130-132

July 21

For humankind, the moment of reckoning is near.
But people are heedlessly turning away.
Every time they receive a new revelation
[from the Qur'an]
as a reminder from their Lord,
they only hear inattentively while they play;
their hearts are totally occupied elsewhere.

21:1-3

July 22

To God belongs all that is in the heavens
and on the earth.

And [the angels] in God's presence
do not feel too arrogant to worship Him,
nor do they ever tire of worshipping.
They glorify God day and night without weariness.

Have the nonbelievers taken earthly gods
who could raise the dead?
Had there been any gods in the Universe
other than the One God,
then the Universe would have been ruined.

Therefore, give glory to God,
[the Perfect One above,]
who commands the throne of Creation,
beyond what the nonbelievers describe.
God's doings cannot be questioned,
but those of evil-doers will certainly be questioned.

July 23

God sent no Messenger before you, [O Muhammad,]
unless We revealed to him
that there is no other god but I,
therefore worship Me alone.
There are some who claim that God,
the Most Compassionate, begot a son.
But all of the Messengers are honoured human servants.
They do not speak in God's place
and do only what God commands them.
God knows their future,
their present, and their past,
and they do not intercede on anyone's behalf
unless He is pleased with them.
Those honoured servants tremble in holy fear
of their Lord.
And if any of them should say,
'I am god apart from God,'
they will pay by being thrown into Hellfire.
This is the way We punish wrongdoers.

July 24

Have the nonbelievers not understood
that the heavens and earth were once one unit,
and then We split them apart?
and that We created every living thing
out of the water?
Will they not, then, believe in Me?

We placed mountains on the earth,
lest it should shake with them on it!
And We made pathways within the earth
to guide them.

We made the sky into a protective roof
yet the nonbelievers turn away
from all of its signs of wonderful creations.

It is God Who created night and day,
made the sun and the moon,
each gliding freely in its orbit.

21:30-33

July 25

And We granted no one immortality
before you came, [O Muhammad,]
so when you die, would anyone else live forever?
No — everyone is going to taste death
after We test you all
with the good and bad during your earthly life.
Finally you all will be brought back to Us.

21:34-35

July 26

Before you, [O Muhammad,]
God's Messengers were mocked,
but those who mocked them were punished
because of what they did.

Then ask them, 'Who can protect you day and night
from the Most Compassionate?'

But the nonbelievers turn away
from remembering their Lord.

Or, do they have some other gods
who can protect them?

But those false gods cannot even help themselves,
nor can they be protected from God.

21:41-43

July 27

[On Judgment Day,]
those who receive some small punishment
from their Lord say,
'What bad news;
we must have been wrongdoers.'
And We will establish
a scale of fairness on that Day.
Then no one will be unjustly treated.

We, the Perfect Accountant,
will even take into consideration
a deed as small as a mustard seed.

21:46-47

July 28

Remember the prophet Noah . . .
and the prophets David and Solomon . . .
the prophet Job . . .
the prophets Ishmael, Enoch and Isaiah . . .
the prophet Jonah . . .
the prophet Zachariah . . .
And also remember Mary and her son Jesus . . .
Truly, all these are but One nation, of believers.

It is your nation and I am your One Lord,
the only One you must worship.

People will split among themselves over issues of faith,
but all of them will return to Us, the One God.
The effort of one who does good deeds while a believer
will not be rejected,
for God records all that person's efforts.

21:76-94

July 29

We granted Moses and Aaron
the [Torah] to tell right from wrong,
a shining light of truth,
and a reminder for righteous people.

We knew Abraham well
and granted him wisdom.

And We blessed Abraham with Isaac
and [his grandson] Jacob,
making them both righteous,
and true worshippers.

We also made them leaders,
to guide others in following Our commandments.
We revealed to them how to do good deeds,
perform daily Salah prayers
and give Zakah for charity.
They all truly worshipped Us.

We gave Lot wisdom and knowledge

and saved him from the evil town
whose bad people did unclean acts
as they transgressed the Law.
And We accepted Lot within our Mercy,
for he was among the righteous ones.

21:48,51,72-75

July 30

[On Judgment Day,]
those who were blessed by Our goodness
before their deaths
will be so far removed [from Hellfire]
they will not even hear its slightest sound.

And they will live forever,
granted whatever they wish.
They will not be grieved or concerned
by the most fearful events,
but will be welcomed by angels who say,
'This is the Day which you have been promised.'

On [Judgment] Day,
We will roll up Heaven
as a scroll is rolled up into a book.
Just as creation was made in the first place,
We will re-make it;
this is a promise and We shall do it.

July 31

God did not send you, [O Muhammad,]
except as a mercy for all people.

Say, 'It has been revealed to me
that god is but One God.
Will you, therefore, accept total submission
to Him as Muslims?'

21:107-108

August

August 1

O people, be conscious of your Lord,
for the earthquake on Judgment Day
is indeed a mighty event.

When you witness it,
you will see nursing mothers
neglect their suckling young
and see pregnant women miscarrying.
You will see people appearing as if drunk,
although they are not.
God's punishment is that severe.

22:1-2

August 2

O people, if you ever doubt
that there will be a resurrection,
consider that We created you from dust,
then from a tiny drop of semen,
then from a suspended clot,
then from a mass appearing like semi-digested flesh
no larger than a mouthful,
partly formed and partly unformed –
all this is to explain Our power to you.

And then We made you to rest in the womb
for a specific time,
and then We cause you to be born as a baby,
and you grow up.
Some will die young
and some will become so elderly
they will lose everything they used to know.

Look how lifeless the earth can appear,
but when We send down rain,
the land will be stirred up and will swell,

and then produce lovely plants,
always in pairs.

This is because God is Truth,
capable of anything;
He will resurrect the dead.

The Day of Judgment will indeed come,
without doubt.
Then God will resurrect those who are in the graves.

22:5-7

August 3

Have you not realized that everything
in the heavens and on earth –
including the sun, moon, stars, mountains,
trees, the animal and insect kingdoms –
bows down in submission to God?
And so do many human beings,
but some will not submit
and they will surely be punished.

It is God who disgraces anyone
who does not submit to the divine will;
such people are left without honour.
God does what He wills.

22:18

August 4

[O Muhammad]
Give glad tidings to those
who humbly obey God,
whose hearts tremble [with joy and reverence]
whenever God is mentioned,
who accept patiently
whatever calamity may strike them,
who faithfully perform Salah prayers,
and who spend charitably
from the wealth that God has provided them.

22:34-35

August 5

God the All-Mighty and the Most Powerful helps those who help Him by being pious and faithful, and when We give them power on earth, they will encourage the performance of Salah prayers and the giving of Zakah for charity, who delight in enjoining of doing right and forbidding evil. For in the end, all will return to God.

22:40-41

August 6

Have you not seen
how God sends rain down from the sky,
making the earth green?
God is indeed the All-Knowing, the All-Encompassing,
and commands all that is in the heavens
and on the earth.
God is indeed the Wholly Sufficient,
the Most Praiseworthy.

Have you not seen how God
has made everything on earth to be at your service?
Ships sail the seas thanks to God's law,
He also holds up the skies preventing their fall to earth;
except by God's permission.
God is indeed Kind and Merciful to people.

22:63-65

August 7

God gave you life,
then will cause you to die,
and then will give you life again
[on Judgment Day].
But much of humanity tries to hide that Truth.

22:66

August 8

O people, listen to this issue of idolatry.
Any being that you worship,
apart from the One God,
will never be able to create anything, even a fly.

These false gods will never be able to create a fly
even if all of them get together.
And even if a mere fly steals something
from one of these false gods,
they are not able to retrieve it.

For both the false gods
and those who seek after them are weak.
Those who worship other gods or idols
demean the true status of God,
for God is indeed the All-Powerful, the All-Mighty.

22:73-74

August 9

God who is All-Hearing and All-Seeing
chooses Messengers from among angels and people.
God knows what is ahead of them
and what is behind,
for all the affairs of the universe
belong under God's command.

O all you who believe!
Bow down, prostrate, and worship your Lord.
Do good and strive sincerely for God's cause
so that you may be successful,
for God does not wish you hardship
in matters of religion.

But God has chosen you for His religion.
Your faith is that of your father,
the Prophet Abraham, who first called you "Muslims,"
just as the Prophet [Muhammad] does now.

You are a witness to all people
and the Prophet is your witness,

therefore ensure that you perform the Salah prayers and faithfully give Zakah for charity.

Seek the help of God, as He is your friend, and you will see how good a friend and supporter God is.

22:75-78

August 10

We created humankind
from an extract of clay.

We then formed him from a drop of sperm,
housing him in a secure place [within the womb].

We then created out of the drop of sperm
a suspended [cluster of cells in the womb].

And We then made these cluster of cells
grow into [an embryo,
[which looks like no more than a piece of] chewed meat.
Then We caused bones to grow within it
and covered them with flesh and skin.

Finally, We transformed this living mass
into a different creature, a human being.
Give glory to God, the ultimate Creator.
[O human, you will live a certain time]
and then your earthly body will die;
but afterwards, you will be surely resurrected
on the Day of Judgment.

23:12-16

August 11

[O Muhammad]

If you ask the doubters,

'who is Lord of the seven heavens
and of the Great Throne?'

They will answer again, 'God.'

Then say, 'Would you not want to be
among the God-fearing?'

Then ask, 'In whose hands

is the sovereignty of everything,

the Protector, who does not need protection?

Answer, if you really know.'

They will answer, again, 'God.'

Then say, 'How can you turn away from [the Truth]?'

Yet when We bring them the Truth,

the nonbelievers are but liars.

23:86-90

August 12

We created seven levels of heaven above you,
We have never been negligent
in caring for the universe.
We send rain down from the sky
in measured amounts to settle into the earth,
although We can just as easily make it vanish.

With this rain, We brought forth gardens
of date-palm trees for you,
as well as vineyards and orchards,
in which there are many fruits for you to eat.

With that rain, We also create the [olive] trees
that spring forth on Mount Sinai
and produce fine oil for eating.

And there is a lesson and sign for you in cattle,
from whose udders We provide you rich milk to drink.
Also, they provide you with great benefits
including eating the flesh of cattle
and by using them for transportation on land,
just as you use ships to move goods on the sea.

23:17-22

August 13

God gave you the senses of hearing and sight,
as well as creating the heart for reflection.
Yet you show so little gratitude for these blessings.

And it is God who caused you to multiply
and prosper on earth
and will finally gather all of you [on the Last Day].

God gives life, causes death,
and controls the sequences of night and day.
Do you not understand and believe?

The nonbelievers ask
– as did the nonbelievers before them –
when we die and become dust and bones,
how shall we be resurrected again?
This is nothing but an ancient myth.
This is what we and our forefathers
have been promised before;
but resurrection never happened.

If you ask the doubters,
'Do you really know
Who owns the earth and everything on it?'
They will say that it belongs to God.
Then say to them,
'why would you not remember
[and reflect on the resurrection]?'

23:78-85

August 14

God never conceived a son,
nor is there any god in company with Him.
If that were so,
then each god would have taken to himself
what he had created,
and some gods would try to overcome the others.

Glory be to the One God,
who alone knows what is seen and unseen,
and is exalted above all
who are attributed to Him as partners.

23:91-92

August 15

Do you think We created you in vain
and that you will not return to Us?
Exalted is God, the King, the Truth,
no god is there except He,
The Lord of the Supreme Throne.

And whoever calls with God another god,
of whom he has no proof,
his accountability will be left to his Lord.
Those who hide the Truth will not succeed.

And say [O Muhammad],
'My Lord, forgive and have mercy,
for You are the Best of those who show mercy.'

23:115-118

August 16

God is the Light of the heavens and earth.
His Light is as if there were a niche,
in which there is a lamp
and the lamp is in a crystal globe.
The crystal globe looks like a glittering star,
fed from [oil] produced by a blessed olive tree.
It is from neither East nor West.
The oil itself almost gives light
even if it is not touched by fire.

Light upon Light,
God guides to His Light whomever He wills.
God gives parables, explaining to people.
God is All-Knowing of everything.

God permits the houses of God,
in which His name is invoked, to be raised.
There He is praised in the mornings and in the evenings
by men who are not lured away
from God's Remembrance
by trade or sale

and they establish prayers,
they give alms and they fear [God]
on a day [of Judgement]
when hearts and eyes are very weary.

24:35-37

August 17

Have you not seen
that God is praised by everything
in heavens and earth,
including birds in groups.

Everyone knows
how to praise and how to pray
and God knows fully well
what they do.

To God belongs
the Kingdom of the heavens and earth
and to Him is the eventual return.

24:41-42

August 18

Blessed is He Who sent down
the Book of Criteria [the Qur'an]
to His servant [Prophet Muhammad]
to warn all beings.

He is the One to Whom belongs the Kingdom
of the heavens and earth,
the One Who has begotten no son
and Who never had a partner to rule
and has created everything perfectly
in due proportions.

Yet the nonbelievers take beside Him gods
who have never created anything,
but they themselves have been created
and cannot harm, nor benefit anyone
and cannot cause death, life or resurrection to anyone.

25:1-3

August 19

And have you not seen that God
drives the clouds gently
and joins them together,
and He piles them up,
then you will see rain is produced
from their midst.

And He also sends down from the sky hail,
like mountains,
with which He strikes whom He wills
or spares whom He wills.
The vivid flash of the lightning [of these clouds]
nearly blinds the sight.

God alternates the nights and days.
In all of these [acts of creation]
are lessons and signs
for those who would use their insight.

God has created from water,
every moving creature;
some of them move round on their bellies,

some on two legs and some on four legs.
God creates what He wills.
God indeed is capable of everything.

We have revealed [the Qur'an with] clear verses
as God guides whomever He wills
to the Straight Path.

24:43-46

August 20

Have you not seen how your Lord
has extended a given shadow.
But if He wills He could have made it still.
As the sun proceeds
it acts as a guide [for the shadow to change its length].
Then We shortened it gradually.

And He has made the night
for you like a garment
and made sleep for you to rest
and made for you the day to work and make a living.

And He sends the winds
with glad tidings
out of His mercy.

And We send down pure rain
to revive a dead city,
and We offer it as a drink
to those whom We created:
cattle and many people.

And We indeed distribute this water among people so they may remember [God's blessings], but alas! Many people prefer disbelieving [over believing in God].

25:45-50

August 21

He lets two waters mix:
one is fresh water,
which is refreshingly drinkable
and the other is extremely salty,
bitter and undrinkable.
But He has set between them a perfect barrier
and complete partition.

And He has created, out of water, humankind,
[who can multiply] making kindred by
descent and by marriage.
Your Lord is the All-Capable.

25:53-54

August 22

[O Muhammad]

Put your trust in the Ever-Living God,
Who will never die
and always glorify Him in praise.
He alone is sufficient to know
all the sins of all His servants.

He created the heavens and earth
and all things in-between in six days
and then He took command of the Throne.
He is the Most Compassionate,
ask anyone who has knowledge about Him.

But when you call the nonbelievers to prostrate
to the Most Compassionate in worship,
they reply 'Who is the Most Compassionate?
Do you think that we will prostrate
[in worshipping Him]
just because you ask?'
And the debate makes them turn away even more.

August 23

Blessed is He Who has created
in the heaven big stars
and has placed therein a blazing lamp
and a moon that gives light.

And He is the One who has created
the alternating day and night.
All this [are signs] to whoever wishes
to remember [God]
and who wishes to show gratitude.

And the true servants of the Most Compassionate,
when they walk on earth,
walk humbly
and whenever ignorant people address them
they reply, 'Peace.'

And they would spend their nights praying
to their Lord, standing and prostrating.
They say, 'Our Lord, avert us
from the torment of Hell,

as its torment is unbearable punishment.
It is the worst place to be and to rest.'

[The true servants], when they spend,
do not spend lavishly
nor do they become too thrifty
and they spend in moderation.

They do not invoke any other god with God
and do not kill any person, which God forbids,
except when it is allowed.

And they do not have sexual intercourse
outside marriage.
Whoever does what is forbidden
will receive severe punishment.

25:61-68

August 24

[And the true servants of the Most Compassionate]
would never become false witnesses
and when they pass by evil talk,
they will not get engaged.
And when they are reminded
with the verses of their Lord,
they do not act deaf and blind.
They are those who say,
'Our Lord, grant us from our spouses and offspring
someone who will be the comfort of our eyes
and bless us to lead the righteous.'

These are the ones who are rewarded
the best room [in Paradise],
as they were steadfast in this life,
and they are greeted with the best greetings
and with 'peace.'
They are living there forever.
How wonderful a place to be and to live!

August 25

[O Muhammad]
Say, 'Praise God
and peace be upon God's special servants.'
Who is better? –
the One God,
or whoever some worship as God's partners?

Was it not God alone
who created the heavens and the earth?

Is it not God alone
who sends down rain from the sky,
whereby beautiful gardens and trees grow?
For you to grow these trees would not be possible
without the One God
who is indeed partner to no other being.
People who believe in a god with partners
deviate from the Truth.

27:59-60

August 26

[Abraham told his people: God]
is He Who has created me
and Who guides me.
And He Who feeds me
and offers me what I drink.

If I fall sick He heals me.
He will cause me to die
and afterwards He will give me life [again].
And I hope He will forgive my faults
on the Day of Judgement.

[I pray] My Lord give me wisdom
and let me join the righteous.
And let later generations
remember me honourably
and let me be among those who will inherit
the blessed Paradise.
And forgive my father
as he was among those who were misguided.
And do not disgrace me

on the Day of Resurrection,
on the day when neither wealth nor offspring
can be of use,
[and the blessed ones are]
only those who come to God
with perfect heart.

26:78-89

August 27

The people of Noah
have denied the Messengers.
Their brother [Prophet] Noah told them,
'Will you not be God-fearing?
I am a true Messenger to you.
Fear God and follow me.'

The people of 'Ad
have denied the Messengers.
Their brother [Prophet] Hud told them,
'Will you not be God-fearing?
I am a true Messenger to you.
Fear God and follow me.'

The people of Thamud
have denied the Messengers.
Their brother [Prophet] Salih told them,
'Will you not be God-fearing?
I am a true Messenger to you.
Fear God and follow me.'

The people of Lot
have denied the Messengers.
Their brother [Prophet] Lot told them,
'Will you not be God-fearing?
I am a true Messenger to you.
Fear God and follow me.'

The people of Al-Aikah
have denied the Messengers.
Their brother [Prophet] Shu'aib told them,
'Will you not be God-fearing?
I am a true Messenger to you.
Fear God and follow me.'

26:105-108,123-126,141-144,160-163,176-179

August 28

Did not God alone
make the earth as your home,
creating in it rivers
and massive mountains as weights and create barriers
between the salt seas and freshwater bodies?

In all of this, is there any god with God?
No indeed!
People who believe in other gods with God
do not know the Truth.

Is it not God alone
who responds when the distressed pray?
Is it not God alone
who conquers evil
and makes you humans the inheritors of the earth?
In all this, could there be any god with God?
No indeed!
Those who believe in partner-gods
clearly do not remember the Truth.

August 29

For is it not God alone
who guides you in the dark,
both on land and at sea,
and sends winds with glad tidings of mercy?
In all of this, is there any god with God?
No indeed!
The One God is exalted
above all other gods people worship as partners.

Was God alone not
the maker of all human beings?

Is it not God alone
who will recreate them again
and give you all provisions from heaven or from earth?
In all this, could there be any god with God?
No indeed!
Then say, 'Bring on your proof
if you truly believe there are other gods with God.'

August 30

[O Muhammad]

Say, 'No one in the heavens or on earth
knows the unseen except God,
and no one but God alone knows
when each person will be resurrected.'

27:65

August 31

Indeed, your Lord is the Generous-Giver
toward humanity
but unfortunately, most people are not thankful.

God knows very well
what people have concealed in their minds,
as well as what they reveal.
There is nothing hidden in the heavens or on earth
that is not recorded clearly in an accurate book.

27:73-75

September

September 1

Whatever you acquire or achieve on earth
is good only for the enjoyment of this worldly life,
while that which God has in store for you
in the Hereafter
is far better and lasts longer.
Why can you not understand?

Consider whether these two things are the same.
First; We promised one person
the best of all things in the Hereafter
and that person believes it to be true.
To a second person
We give abundant enjoyment
only of this worldly life,
but on the Day of Judgment,
the latter will be one of those
brought up for punishment.

28:60-61

September 2

God has prepared eternal homes in the Hereafter
for those who refrain from evil-doing
and from arrogantly oppressing others on earth.
This is the final distinction and reward
for God-fearing people.

Whoever has done a good deed
will receive even a far better compensation,
and whoever has done badly
will receive punishment only in the same degree,
for all bad deed doers
will only be compensated fairly
according to what they have done.

28:83-84

September 3

Never acknowledge any other god
along with the One God,
for there is no other but God alone.
Everything will perish except God.
All judgment is from God
and to God shall all return.

28:88

September 4

Do people think that they can say 'we believe,'
without being put to the test?
God has tested many people before them,
to separate the liars from those who are truthful.

Likewise, do those who do evil think
they can escape divine punishment?
How badly is their thinking mistaken!

The time is definitely coming
for whoever wishes to meet God,
who is the All-Hearing and the All-Knowing.

Whoever strives for God's sake,
he will benefit himself,
for God has no need of His creations.

For those who believe in God
and do good deeds,
God will indeed wipe out
the record of their bad deeds

and reward them according to
the best of what they have done.

29:2-7

September 5

Have [the nonbelievers] not seen
how God originates creation?
Afterwards, God will again recreate it.
This is indeed easy for God.

[O Muhammad]
Tell those doubters to travel around the earth
to observe how God originated all that is.
And God, who is capable of anything,
will recreate all that is a second time.

He punishes whoever He wills and
grants mercy to whoever He wills,
and to Him shall all people return.
You will never defy God
on earth or in the heavens,
for you have no real friend or helper,
save God.

29:19-22

September 6

[O Muhammad]

Recite what has been revealed to you
of the Book [the Qur'an].

And perform Salah prayers,
for they forbid evil-doing and commitment of sins.
It is always a good thing to remember God,
Who knows all of what you do.

Do not argue, but in the most civilized way,
with people of the Book,
rather exhort the transgressors among them
and say to them,
'We believe in what has been revealed to us
and what has been revealed to you.
Our God and your God is but One God,
to Whom we submit in Islam.'

29:45-46

September 7

Earth is vast, O my believing servants,
so you can worship Me anywhere.

All people go through death
and come back to Us.

For all who believed and did good deeds in earthly life,
We will honour them in Paradise with fine rooms
over flowing rivers where they will live forever.
What an excellent reward
for those who have done good,
who have been steadfast
and who trusted their Lord absolutely.

29:56-59

September 8

For those who strive to do good for Our sake,
We will guide them to Our Ways.
God is on the side of those who aim
to perfect their deeds.

29:69

September 9

How many animals do not carry provisions around with them?

God, who is the All-Hearing and the All-Knowing, provides for them and for you.

If you would ask people who created the heavens and the earth, and who made both sun and moon submissive to them, they would surely reply 'it was God.'
Why then would they deviate [from the Truth]?

God offers provision and each person receives the amount of wealth, whether more or less, that God wills.
God has full knowledge of everything.

And so if you were to ask people who makes rain come down from the sky to revive the earth when it is as dry as death, they will surely reply, 'it is God.'
Say then, 'all praise is due to God.'

Most people do not understand,
for this earthly life is nothing but an illusion,
full of amusement and play.
But the last home in the Hereafter
is indeed eternal.
If only the nonbelievers would know this!

29:60-64

September 10

Most people know only a little of this earthly life
and are wholly heedless of the Hereafter.

Have they not reflected upon their inner selves?
God created, in Truth, the heavens and earth
until a fixed time.

But many people deny
that they will indeed meet their Lord.

Have they not travelled the land
and seen how people before them have been punished?
And they were more powerful,
for they left more monuments and greater civilizations.
Yet when God's Messengers brought them clear proof,
they denied the Truth.
God did not treat them unfairly;
they treated themselves unfairly.

30:7-9

September 11

God, the originator of all creation,
will repeat it,
and then you all will return to Him.

30:11

September 12

When the Day of Judgment comes,
people will be separated.

Those who believed and did good deeds
will be honoured

in the best gardens of Paradise.

But those who disbelieved in Our revelations
and denied the meeting in the Hereafter
will be brought to punishment.

Therefore, glorify God always,
both when night falls
and when you get up in the morning.

30:14-17

September 13

When We give people a taste of mercy,
they feel happy,
but when hardship strikes them
because of their own actions, they lose hope.
Have they not realized that God gives
and is capable of giving abundant provision
to whom He wills?
In all of this there are signs
for people who believe.

So be sure to give your next-of-kin what is their right,
and give to the poor and the wayfarer.
This is best for those who seek God's favours,
for they are indeed the truly successful ones.

30:36-38

September 14

Glory to God in the heavens and earth,
in the evenings and afternoons.

God brings forth the living from the dead
and the dead from the living.

God revives earth after its death,
and similarly, all of you will be resurrected one day.

Among God's signs is that He created
you from dust and lo! you become humans,
spreading over this earth.

Also, among His signs is that He created
mates from among you,
so that you may have affection and mercy
in your intimacy with them.

In these wonders, there are indeed signs for people
who would reflect.

Also among God's signs is the creation
of the heavens and the earth
and the diversity of your tongues
and the colours of your skin.

In all these things are signs
for people who welcome knowledge.

30:18-22

September 15

Among God's signs is that you sleep by night
and make your living from God's bounty by day.
These are signs for people who would listen
[to the Truth].

Another sign is that God shows you lightning,
which makes you fearful and hopeful.
Then He sends down rain from the sky,
to revive the earth after its death of drought.
In these also are signs for people
who would understand [God's Truth].

Again among God's signs
is that the heavens and earth are sustained
by divine command.

Thus, when you [O People] are called
to rise from your earthly graves,
you will emerge at once,
for everything in the heavens and earth
is obedient to God,

who is the Originator of all creation
and will repeat it.

Recreation is even easier for God than the first time,
for God is the Most Perfect in the heavens and earth,
the All-Mighty and the All-Wise.

30:23-27

September 16

The One God created you
and gave you sustenance for life.
That same God will one day cause you to die,
and then will give you new life.
Can any of your partner-gods do such things?
Glory be to God who is exalted
above any partner-god that others associate with Him.

30:40

September 17

Evil has appeared on land and sea
because of what the hands of people have done.
Therefore God will cause some evil to happen
to evil-doers,
so that they may stop.

30:41

September 18

Nonbelievers will be harmed by their nonbeliefs,
but those who do good will be investing well
for themselves.

For God will reward those who believe
and do good with His bounty,
but will not show love to the nonbelievers.

30:44-45

September 19

These are verses
from the Book of Wisdom [the Qur'an],
containing guidance and mercy
for people who work to perfect their deeds,
who perform their Salah prayers,
who give to charity with their Zakah offerings,
and who firmly believe in the Hereafter.
They are guided by their Lord
and are indeed truly successful.

31:2-5

September 20

God has created and supported the heavens
on invisible pillars;
has set firm mountains on earth
to hold the ground steady under you;
has filled it with every kind of moving creature.
And We send down rain from the sky.
Thus We have caused all lovely things to grow in pairs.
This is entirely God's creation.
Can you show me any such creations by lower gods?
People who reject the Truth
are indeed totally misguided.

31:10-11

September 21

We have blessed Lukman [the Wise man]
with the wisdom to thank God first,
for whoever offers thanks benefits him or herself.
But to the nonbelievers who do not offer thanks,
tell them that God who is indeed worthy of all praise,
has no need for the thanks of humans.

31:12

September 22

Lukman [the Wise man] advised his son:
'O my son, do not associate any partners with God,
for this is a great transgression against the Truth.'
We have enjoined upon people
to take good care of their parents,
for their mothers carried them in pregnancy
with great hardship
and fed them in infancy for two years.
Therefore, thank Me and your parents,
for all return finally to Me.

But if your parents try to make you worship
an unknown associate god with Me,
then do not obey them
but still treat them kindly in this life
and follow the way
of those who have returned to My way.
Afterwards, your final return, all of you, is to Me
and I will reveal to you what you have done.

September 23

Lukman [the Wise man] advised his son:

‘O my son, there is nothing in the heavens or earth,
even as small as a grain of mustard seed
hidden in a rock,
that God cannot bring to light.

Indeed, God is the All-Aware, the Supreme Expert.

O my son, perform your Salah prayers,
encourage what is right, forbid what is wrong,
and be steadfast whenever calamity strikes you.
All these are part of being a good believer.

O my son, do not arrogantly turn your face
away from people,
and do not walk in a conceited manner,
for God does not love
those who are arrogant and conceited.

O my son, do not walk too slowly or too quickly;
and lower your voice,
for loud voices are as bad as the braying of donkeys.’

September 24

Whatever is in the heavens and the earth
belongs to God,
who is indeed the All-Rich,
and the All-Worthy of praise.

If all the trees on earth were made into pens
and if seven seas and more were made into ink,
all of God's words could not be written,
for God's Word will never be exhausted.
God is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.
God created you all and will resurrect you all
as if you are one person.
God is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

31:26-28

September 25

Have not you seen how God
merges night into day and day into night
and made both sun and moon
submissive to serve you,
each running in its orbit for a given time?
God knows just as well what you do.
This is because God alone is Truth,
and any other deities
that people claim to worship are false.
God indeed is the Most Exalted, the Greatest.

Have you not seen how ships sail on the sea
by God's grace?
These are only a few signs of God's greatness;
they are given to those who are steadfast and grateful.

31:29-31

September 26

O people, be conscious of your Lord
and be prepared for [Judgment] Day,
when no parents can defend their offspring,
nor offspring their parents.

God's promise [of that Day] is indeed true,
so do not let this worldly life possess you
and lure you away from God,
who alone knows the time of Judgment Day.

Only God can send down rain
and knows every new life in the womb.
But humans do not know
even what they will earn tomorrow,
or where and when they will die.
God alone is the All-Knowing, the Supreme Expert.

31:33-34

September 27

O all you who believe!
Revere God and always speak good things.
Then God will bless your deeds and forgive your sins.
For whoever follows God's guidance
and that of His Messenger,
will achieve greatest success.

God offered the Covenant to heavens, earth,
and the mountains,
but they all refused to take on this great responsibility.
Only humans agreed,
but much of humanity is unaware of this
and does not fulfil the Covenant.

33:70-72

September 28

God created heavens and earth
and all that exists between them in six days
and then took command of the throne of the Universe.

You have no real friend or intercessor, apart from God;
then will you not take heed?

The affairs of the heavens and earth are
continually managed by God
and are done in one day,
a day which is equivalent to a thousand human years.

God the All-Mighty, the Most Merciful,
knows all that is seen and unseen,
and created everything perfectly.

God formed the first human from clay
and breathed the divine spirit into his body,
then created offspring from semen
in streams of undermined water.

God also gave humans the ability to hear, to see,
and to understand in their hearts.
Yet seldom are people thankful.

They ask, 'After we die and are buried in earth,
will we be recreated anew?'
Unfortunately, they do not believe
in meeting their Lord.

32:4-10

September 29

God is worthy of all praise,
for everything in the heavens and earth belongs to Him.
Likewise, God is the focus of all praise in the Hereafter,
the All-Wise, the Fully Knowledgeable One.
God knows well whatever happens on earth,
whatever comes from it,
whatever comes down from the sky
and whatever goes up to the sky again.

God is the Most Merciful, the Most Forgiving,
but nonbelievers claim that Judgment Day
will never catch up with them.
Then tell them; 'On the contrary,
it will definitely catch up with you.

Through the power of the Lord,
the All-Knowing of the unseen,
even something as small as an atom,
in the heavens or on earth, is fully recorded
in God's clear book.

Those who believe and do good deeds
will be rewarded by God.
They will enjoy forgiveness and generous provisions.
But as for those who actively resist
the message of God's signs,
they will endure painful tormenting punishment.

34:1-5

September 30

We did not send you, [O Muhammad,] except
as a giver of glad tidings
and to warn humanity [of the consequences of sins].
But most people do not know
and they ask, 'Tell us, if you are truthful,
when is the promised [Judgment Day]?'
Then say, 'You have a fixed time
and when that Day comes,
you cannot advance or delay it even by one hour.'

34:28-30

October

October 1

Neither your worldly wealth nor your offspring alone
can bring you closer to Us.

But those who truly believe
and do good deeds,

will have multiple rewards for their faithfulness,
and in the Hereafter they will be housed in Paradise
in rooms of peace and security.

But those who deny Our message in these verses
will be brought to severe torment.

34:37-38

October 2

Those who lust after power and honour
must not forget that all power and honour
belong to God.

Good words ascend to God
and good deeds along with them are even better.
But those who scheme to do evil
will receive severe punishment
and all their plans will come to nothing.

35:10

October 3

If you do not believe, God has no need of you,
but God is not pleased
when His servants turn away from faith.
If you are grateful, however,
God will be pleased with you.

No one is responsible for the deeds of others,
for you all ultimately return to your Lord,
who will inform each one of you what you have done.
God alone knows all,
even what people try to hide within them.

39:7

October 4

Remember that God created you first from dust,
then from an embryonic cluster of cells.
Then He made you male and female.

No woman ever conceives or gives birth
without God's full knowledge,
and no elderly person will live more or less
than is recorded in [God's] book,
for such things are easy for God.

Remember also that God made
two kinds of water on earth for our good.
There is the fresh, satisfying water
which is pleasant to drink,
and the bitter, salty water.

Both kinds supply fish with meat tender to eat.
From both kinds of water-bodies
one can extract articles of adornment,
and ships also sail on both.

All these things are from God's bounty
so that you may be grateful.

35:11-12

October 5

Have you not seen that God sends down rain to produce fruits of diverse colours, and that God also formed mountains of rock that are white, red-streaked, and of varying colours, as well as black? Similarly, God made humans, cattle and animals of differing colours.

Among all humans,
only those with real knowledge
would revere God.
Truly, God is the All-Mighty, the Most Forgiving.

Remember also that those who recite from God's Book [the Qur'an], perform daily prayers, and give money to charity, both secretly and in public, from what We have provided are making an excellent investment that will never be lost.

God, who is the Most Forgiving
and the Most Thankful,
will repay their work in full measure and beyond.

35:27-30

October 6

And for all people
We created signs in the dead earth,
reviving it and bringing forth grain
from the soil for them to eat.
We also created earthly gardens
of date-palm trees and vineyards,
from which springs of water gush forth.
All of this We have done,
so that people may feed on the fruits of nature
and on whatever their human hands can grow.
Then will they not be grateful?

Give glory to God,
who created people and living beings,
and even other things that they do not know,
all in pairs.

36:33-36

October 7

Humanity forgets how it has been created
and challenges Us by posing questions
regarding the Hereafter,
such as, 'Who will revive our bones after they rot?'
Then answer them: 'It is God
who created you the first time,
Who is fully knowledgeable of everything
in the Universe,
Who made fire for you out of green trees,
so that you may burn them for fuel.

Can the One Creator of the heavens and earth
create their like again?'
Of course! God the All-Knowing is forever the Creator,
the One who can will the creation of anything
by commanding 'Be' and it will be.
Therefore, give all glory to God,
the One whose hand holds the dominion of everything,
and to Whom you shall all return.

October 8

If God had wanted to have a son,
He could have chosen one
from among what He has created as He wills.
But glory to Him who did not do so,
who is ever the One God, the Most Supreme.

God created the heavens and earth in divine Truth,
merging the night into the sphere of the day
and the day into the sphere of the night.
As well, the sun and the moon were created
to serve you,
each moving in its orbit for a definite period of time.
And none but the All-Mighty, the Most Forgiving,
could create all of humanity from a single soul.

From that original soul God created also its mate,
creating likewise the cattle in pairs –
such as sheep, goats, oxen and camels.

God creates humans in their mothers' wombs,
one stage at a time;

and inside the womb the embryo is protected
by three levels of darkness.

[This is created by] God your Lord,
whose Kingdom is everything.

There is no other god but He.

Then how could you turn away from [the Truth]?

39:4-6

October 9

Say, [O Muhammad] to My believing servants,
'Fear your Lord,
for there is a reward awaiting those who do good
in this worldly life.

God's earth is a vast space for you to worship,
and those who are steadfast,
will receive rewards just as vast and limitless.'

Then say, 'I, [Muhammad,] am commanded
to sincerely worship God
and faithfully practice my religion,
for I was commanded to be the first Muslim.'

39:10-12

October 10

Have you not seen
how God sends down rain from the sky,
causing it to flow through the earth as springs,
causing plants of diverse colours to spring up,
some of which will wither and turn yellow,
into dry hay?

This is surely a reminder of God's providence
for those who would understand.

And have you also seen
that whomever has been blessed
in his or her mind and heart to accept Islam,
has been guided by the light of his Lord?
Then woe to those whose hearts
have become hardened to forget God,
for they are clearly misguided.

39:21-22

October 11

[O Muhammad,] is God not clearly sufficient for you,
as His servant?

Yet some would try to frighten you
into accepting unworthy false gods besides God.

There is no one who can help those whom God
allows to stray,
but likewise no one can misguide
those whom God guides,
for is God not the All-Mighty
and sole judge in retribution?

If you ask nonbelievers
who created the heavens and earth,
they will answer that it was surely God.

Then ask them, 'Have you not seen
that what you worship
and call god is apart from God?
For if He willed harm to come to me,
would your partner-gods be able to prevent it?

Or if [the True] God willed mercy and good to me,
would they be able to prevent this also?

Then tell them that God is wholly sufficient
for me to trust
and that those who rely on God alone
need trust no others.

39:36-38

October 12

[O Muhammad]

Say, 'O My servants who have done wrong,
do not lose hope to regain God's Mercy;

for God,

who is the Most Forgiving and the Most Merciful
indeed forgives all sins.'

So turn to your Lord

and sincerely submit in repentance

before punishment comes and you do not find help.

Follow what is revealed to you from your Lord,
in case punishment comes suddenly

while you are unaware

and you end by saying, 'Alas,

I regret having missed out

in my relation with God,

for I was one of those who made fun of the Truth.'

One might also say, 'If God had guided me,

then I would have been among the God-fearing.'

Or, again one might say

in the face of coming punishment,
'If only I could have a second chance,
then I would do good deeds.'

But My revelation was brought to you
and, being too proud, you denied it
and became a nonbeliever.

39:53-59

October 13

People can scarcely imagine God's power.
On Judgment Day,
the whole earth will be gripped in one hand
and the heavens rolled up like a scroll in the other.
Glory and exaltation be to God
who is above all partner-gods
that are being worshipped.

When the trumpet of judgment is blown,
everyone in the Universe will be struck down,
except those whom God has chosen.
They are the ones who will stand alive and open-eyed
when the trumpet is blown a second time.

Then the earth will be lit up with the light of its Lord
and the Book [of Records] will be opened.
First the Prophets and martyrs
will be brought to judgment.
All will then be judged fairly and truthfully,
never with injustice.

Everyone will be paid in full
for what he or she did in earthly life,
for God has full knowledge of all their actions.

39:67-70

October 14

The Book [the Qur'an] is revealed from God,
who is the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing,
the Forgiver of Sins, the Acceptor of Repentance,
the One who metes out severe punishment
along with divine bounty.
There is only One God.
And ultimately all will return to Him.

40:2-3

October 15

The angels, who bear God's throne and surround it, glorify and praise the Lord in Whom they believe. They ask for forgiveness on behalf of believers, saying 'Our Lord, You have encompassed everything with your mercy and knowledge. Forgive those who repent and follow Your Way, and save them from the torment of Hellfire.

Our Lord, admit them, their righteous ancestors, spouses and offspring to the Gardens of Paradise which You have promised them.

You are surely the All-Mighty, the All-Wise. And save them from committing sins, for those You save are then showered with mercy. Indeed this is the true and ultimate success.'

40:7-9

October 16

Call on God with sincere faith,
even when nonbelievers hate your righteous acts.
God is the Most Exalted,
the Possessor of the Throne,
Who reveals to certain chosen servants the Word
that warns all people about Judgment Day.

On that Day, all will be revealed
and no one will be able to hide from God.
On that Day, Who do you think will possess
the dominion of all things?
Indeed, it will be none other than God,
Who is the One, the Most Supreme.

On that Day, everyone will be rewarded
according to what he or she has earned in life.
There will be no injustice committed,
for surely God is swift at reckoning.

40:14-17

October 17

Whoever does an evil deed
will be compensated accordingly.
And whoever does good deeds while a believer,
being male or female,
will enter Paradise,
and be given provisions with no limit.

40:40

October 18

The Hour of Judgment is surely coming,
yet sadly, most people do not believe in it.

Your Lord said, 'Call on Me, I will respond.
But those arrogant ones who do not worship
and call on Me
will be humiliated and enter Hellfire!'

God created the night for your rest
and the daylight for your work.
God is bountiful indeed to humanity
but most people are not thankful.

This is God, your Lord, the Creator of everything.
There is no other god but He.
How then can you turn away [from God's Truth]?

Those who stubbornly deny God's revelations
are those who turn away.
It is God Who made the earth a dwelling place,

the sky a canopy,
and Who formed you in perfected shape,
providing you with all the best in creation.

This is God, Your Lord, the Giver of Blessings,
Lord of all worlds!
God is the Ever-Living,
there is no other god but He.
So call on your Lord
and worship with sincere faith.
All Praise be to God, Lord of the worlds.

40:59-65

October 19

[O Muhammad]

Say to the nonbelievers,
'I have been forbidden to worship
those whom you revere apart from God,
because of what has been clearly revealed to me.
For I was commanded to submit wholly in Islam,
to the Lord of the worlds.'

God created you first of dust,
then from a few clustered cells
which grew into a fetus clinging inside the womb.
Then you were brought forth
from your mother as a baby.
You have grown to full strength of maturity
and then you will age,
and even though some are fated to die young,
all people reach their ordained life's term.

We explain this so you may understand the Truth.
God's will gives life and takes it,
and so God need only say 'Be' and it will be.

40:66-68

October 20

[O Muhammad]

Ask the nonbelievers, 'How can you not believe in God,
who created earth in two days?

Yet you still worship others as equals.

But God is the only One, the Lord of the worlds,
Who placed firm mountains on the earth, blessed it,
and it took Him four days to create adequate sustenance,
equitably for all.

Then God turned to the smoky heavens
and to the earth, commanding both,
'Submit to Me willingly or unwillingly,'
and they answered, 'We submit willingly.'

God then completed Creation in two days
with seven heavens,
each with its own laws.
But that which rests closest to earth

was beautified with celestial lights
and these heavenly bodies
serve as protectors of the earth.
This is what God, the All-Mighty
and the All-Knowing, desired.'

41:9-12

October 21

Those who say 'God is our Lord'
and who follow God's guidance,
will be comforted by descending angels
at their moment of physical death.

These angels will say, 'Do not be afraid or feel sad,
for we have glad tidings.

You have been promised homes in Paradise,
and we who have been your friends in this life
will be your friends in the Hereafter.

In Paradise you will have everything you desire,
thanks to God, the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.'

And who speaks more eloquently
than one who brings people to God,
does good deeds and says sincerely,
'I am a Muslim?'

41:30-33

October 22

Whoever does a good deed,
it is to their own benefit;
likewise, whoever does a bad deed,
will harm only him or herself,
for your Lord does not treat His servants unjustly.
The time of Judgment Day is known only to God.

No ripe fruit can emerge from its skin,
nor can any female conceive or give birth
except with God's full knowledge.

And when God asks the nonbelievers on Judgment Day,
'Where are My partners?'
the nonbelievers will say, 'We do not know,
for none of us was a witness.'

41:46-47

October 23

Good and evil deeds are not equal,
so always do your best;
then even your enemy may become a close friend.
This noble behaviour is not granted to everyone,
but only to those who are patient
and to whom great blessings are given.

When Satan tries to lure you away,
then seek refuge in God,
the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

The signs of God's creations are the night, the day,
the sun and the moon.
But do not kneel before the sun, nor before the moon.
Kneel down only before God, their creator,
if you really mean to worship truly.

And even though the arrogant nonbelievers
refuse to bow down before God,
remember that all the angels

praise their Lord continually,
night and day, and never grow tired.

41:34-38

October 24

We shall show the nonbelievers
signs of our creation,
both in the Universe
and within themselves,
until they clearly know
that [the Qur'an] is true.
Is your Lord not sufficient
as a witness over all things?

The nonbelievers still doubt
they will meet their Lord,
but God is surely knowledgeable
about everything.

41:53-54

October 25

God reveals the Qur'an to you, [O Muhammad,]
just as those Messengers before you
received divine revelation.

God is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise,
the Most Exalted and the Most Great,
to whom all things within the heavens and earth belong.

The heavens almost rend themselves asunder
as the angels glorify and praise their Lord,
praying for forgiveness of those on earth.
No one but God
can be called the Most Forgiving,
and the Most Merciful.

42:3-5

October 26

God is the supreme Originator of the heavens and earth,
who created mates in kind for you.

Just as the cattle were made in pairs,
God also causes you to multiply on earth.

No one else is like God,
who is the All-Hearing, and the All-Seeing.
The keys of the heavens and earth belong to Him.
He alone offers provision and sustenance
to whomever, as He wills.
God is surely the One who knows everything.

42:11-12

October 27

[O Muslims,] God revealed to you religious law
as was ordained for Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus.
Each of these was instructed, 'Practice the true religion
and do not divide yourselves in matters of faith.
What you are asked to believe
is beyond the grasp of polytheists,
for God calls those whom He has willed
to be drawn near to Him
and guides those who turn to their Lord in repentance.'

42:13

October 28

[O Muhammad,] call all people [to Islam]
and be upright as God has commanded.
Do not follow the desires of the misguided,
but say instead, 'I believe in the Book [the Qur'an]
that God has revealed
and I have been commanded to treat you justly.
For God is our Lord and your Lord.
We have our deeds and you have yours,
but there is no dispute between us,
because God will gather all of us
and to Him is the final return.'

42:15

October 29

To God belong the heavens and the earth.
God creates what He wills,
bestowing girl children to some,
boy children to others,
girls and boys to yet others,
or even childlessness.

God is surely All-Knowing and All-Powerful.
He speaks to humans only through divine revelation,
or through a veil,
or by means of a messenger
to whom God's will reveals certain things.
God is the Most Exalted, the All-Wise.

42:49-51

October 30

[O Muhammad,]

We have revealed to you [Our Qur'an].

Before receiving it you did not know the Book,
nor what faith was.

But We revealed [the Qur'an] to you as a light,
to guide certain servants who please their Lord's will.

Surely you, [O Muhammad,]

are a guide to the Straight Path of God
who is ruler over all that exists

in the heavens and the earth.
Surely all shall return to God.

42:52-53

October 31

[O Muhammad]

If you ask some people,

'Who created the heavens and the earth?'

they will say, 'They were created by God,
the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing.'

43:9

November

November 1

We did not create the heavens and earth
and whatever there is in between
as a mere plaything,
but as a work of Truth.
However, most people do not know this.

All humanity will come together on Judgment Day,
and on that day even friends
will be unable to give each other help.
No one can be helped
unless God has shown them mercy,
for God alone is the All-Mighty, the Most Merciful.

44:38-42

November 2

God is the One who made
the earth as a comforting cradle
and placed pathways within it,
so you may be rightly guided.
God also sends down the rain in measured amounts,
thereby reviving the dead land,
and you will all be similarly resurrected.

God created living creatures in pairs,
and has caused sailing ships to be made
as means of transportation
and provided beasts upon which you can ride.

And as you ride on land or move upon the water,
you may remember and appreciate
the blessings of your Lord,
saying, 'Glory to the One
who has made these means of transportation
submissive to us,

for on our own we are unable to subdue them.
To our Lord we shall indeed return.'

43:10-14

November 3

Do nonbelievers think God cannot hear
their secret talks
or inward thoughts?
For God's angelic envoys are with them
recording everything.

[O Muhammad] say,
'If God the Most Compassionate had a son,
then I would have been the first to worship him.
But the God of glory, Lord of the heavens and earth,
who commands the throne,
and is exalted even beyond what is ascribed,
never had a son.'

Therefore, let the misguided engage in vain discourse
and distract themselves,
until the promised Judgment Day,
when it will be too late for them.

Our God is the One,
God in the heavens and God on earth,
the All-Wise and the All-Knowing.

43:80-84

November 4

Blessing to the One
Who reigns over the kingdom of the heavens and earth
and all things in-between
and Who alone knows the hour of Judgment Day
when you shall return to Him.

For those other gods,
whom the misguided invoke instead,
have no power to intercede.
Only those who give witness to and know of the Truth
can intercede with God.

If you ask the others,
'Who has created you?'
they must surely reply, 'It is God.'
Then how can they turn away [from God's truth]?
Yet [Muhammed, God's messenger,] said
'Lord! These people do not believe,
despite my calling to them.'
[O Muhammad,] forgive them and say to them,
'Peace.' For all shall soon know [the Truth].

43:85-89

November 5

God is Lord of the heavens and earth
and all things in-between.
You know that truth if you have strong faith.

There is no God but He,
who gives life and causes death,
who is your Lord,
and the Lord of your ancestors.
But the nonbelievers insist on flirting with their doubts.

Then wait for Judgment Day,
when the sky will fill with visible smoke
and it will cover the people,
causing painful torment.
And the nonbelievers will plead,
'Lord stop this torment;
now we surely believe.'

But it will be too late,
for they were given a chance to heed the clear warning
spoken by God's messenger,
yet they turned away,
accusing him of being a mad teacher.

44:7-14

November 6

The revelation of the Book [the Qur'an] is from God, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

Surely there are signs in the heavens and on earth for those who would believe.

In your own being
and in that of every other living creature
are God's further signs for people of strong faith.

Similarly, in the alternation of night and day,
in the rain that falls from the sky
to revive the dormant earth,
and in the path of the winds,
there are signs for people to understand.

In this Qur'an is God's revelation,
recited to you in Truth.

How then can people worship any beings
other than God,
or believe any teachings
apart from God's own revelation?

November 7

It is God who made the sea to serve you,
so that ships could sail through it
with divine permission;
thus you may seek out God's bounty and be grateful.

God also made everything in the heavens
and in the earth
available to serve you.
Surely in all of this there are clear signs
for those who would reflect.

Ask the faithful to forgive those nonbelievers
who have no hope for Judgment Day,
when God will settle accounts with everyone
according to what he or she earned in this earthly life.
Those who perform good deeds benefit their own souls;
those who do evil likewise harm themselves.
But in the end, you all shall return to your Lord.

45:12-15

November 8

On Judgment Day, the nonbelievers will be told,
'We forget you now, as you forgot
about facing this Day.

Your new home is to be in Hellfire
and as of today, you have no friends.

This is because you mocked God's revelation
and let yourselves be deceived by worldly living.'

On that day
the nonbelievers will find themselves
trapped forever in Hellfire,
unable to return to earth
for another chance to live as believers
and do good deeds.

All praise is due to God,
the Lord of heavens and earth,
the Lord of the worlds, of the Universe.
God is All-Greatness in heaven and earth,
the All-Mighty and the All-Wise.

November 9

The Book [the Qur'an] is revealed from God,
the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

We did not create the heavens and earth
and all things in-between except in the spirit of Truth,
and We determined that they will exist
only for a finite time.

But the nonbelievers turn away,
even though they have been warned,
for they do not know this divine Truth.

Say to them, 'Have you understood what you are doing
in calling upon false gods who are not God?

Can you show what they have created,
or prove that they are partners with God in Heaven?
Can you show any divine book prior to this [Qur'an]
which says so?

If you are truthful,
then bring even some trace of knowledge
to support your claims.'

November 10

Those who say, 'God is our Lord'
and who faithfully follow the straight path
of God's guidance
need never be fearful nor in grief,
for they are destined to dwell in Paradise forever,
as the just reward for the good they did in this life.

We commanded people to treat their parents kindly,
for their mothers carried them in pregnancy
and suffered through labour,
then fed and weaned them
through thirty months of infancy.

Then when one reaches full maturity at age forty,
he or she can pray,
'My Lord, give me the wisdom
to be grateful for the blessings You granted
me and my parents;
guide me to do what pleases You
and make my offspring righteous.
For I return to You in true repentance
and am among those who submit as a Muslim.'

These are the kinds of people whom We accept
on the merit of their best deeds,
overlooking their mistakes.
They are chosen to be among the dwellers in Paradise,
for this is a true promise that God has given to them.

46:13-16

November 11

As for those who truly believe, who do good deeds,
and heed what was revealed to Muhammad
as the Truth,
God will ignore their mistakes,
and remove evil from their souls.
And they will be divinely guided
and receive even more peace of mind.

47:2

November 12

O you people!

We created you from one male and one female
and made you multiply into nations and tribes,
to know one another as fellow humans.

Those among you who fear and revere God
are most esteemed by Him,
for God is indeed the All-Knowing,
the Infinitely Knowledgable.

49:13

November 13

O all you who believe!

Do not let some among you mock another,
for the men who are denigrated
may be of greater virtue than their tormentors.
Likewise, do not let some women
speak ill about another,
for they who are insulted
may be a more upright believers
than those who mock them.

And do not defame one another with insults
or crude nicknames,
for such behaviour is unworthy of believers.

Whoever does not repent of such things,
is indeed a wrongdoer.
Likewise, avoid the habit of suspicion,
for some can lead to sin;
and do not spy or indulge in backbiting and gossip.

Such things are as hateful
as eating the flesh of your dead brother.
Do you really want to do that?

Therefore, fear and revere God,
for God, the Most Merciful,
always accepts true repentance.

49:11-12

November 14

Have the nonbelievers not looked up
at the sky overhead
and seen how seamlessly and beautifully We made it?
And have they not also observed how
We spread out the earth,
with its mountains and diverse terrain,
how We caused numerous beautiful and useful plants
in pairs to grow there?
All are provided for the use of God's humble servants,
to give everyone a reason
for contemplation and remembrance.

We also sent blessed water down from the sky,
so that gardens and grain fields will grow
and tall palm-trees will fill with clustered fruit.
For with this water,
We revive the dormant earth,
and this sign is similar to your future resurrection
[on Judgment Day].

November 15

God asks, 'Did We become tired
after creating the Universe for the first time?
Not at all!'
But the nonbelievers are confused
and doubt that there could be another creation.

But We created humanity
and even know what people whisper inside their hearts.
For We are closer to each person
than his or her own jugular vein.

50:15-16

November 16

God's signs are on earth
for those whose faith is strong.

There are also signs within your own beings.
How, then, can you not notice them
and contemplate [your Lord's goodness]?

And in the heavens there is provision for you,
as well as that which you have been promised.

In the name of the Lord of the heavens and the earth,
the Hereafter is as true as your own ability to speak.

51:20-23

November 17

We created the heavens
with great power and abundance
so that the Universe continues to expand.

We also spread out the earth like a bed for your comfort,
for We are the finest designer.

And We created all living things in pairs,
so that you all may remember and reflect on this.

Therefore, seek refuge in God,
for I [Muhammad] am sent to clearly witness to you.
I am sent also to warn you
not to worship other deities as partners to God,
who is the True One.

51:47-51

November 18

People have only their deeds [good or evil],
to commend them [before God],
Who alone will compensate everyone fairly,
For all people will finally return to your Lord.

It is God who makes us laugh or weep,
Who brings life and causes death,
Who gives wealth and riches.

And God created humans in pairs,
male and female,
beginning with a simple cluster of cells,
made [from the joining of ova and] flowing semen.
And it is up to God alone to recreate the Universe.

53:39-48

November 19

We, whose command is executed
in the twinkling of an eye,
created everything in perfect proportions.

We destroyed nonbelievers like you,
yet would anyone take heed?
Everything they have done,
everything big or small,
is written down in the divine record.

Surely those of strong faith
will live among the gardens and rivers of Paradise.
They will recline in seats of honour
in the company of God,
who is the glorious and omnipotent King of Glory.

54:49-55

November 20

God, the Most Compassionate,
created human beings,
revealed to them the Qur'an,
and taught them how to express themselves.

God also formed the sun and moon,
causing them to move in measured orbits.
All stars and trees prostrate themselves to their Creator,
Who placed the heavens overhead
and determined a scale of equality for everything.
Therefore, do not transgress God's limits.

Weigh all things fairly
and do not deprive anyone
of a proper share in transactions.
God has provided a fertile earth,
in which grow palm trees
bearing abundant clusters of fruit,
full-headed grains,
and fragrant plants of all sorts.

Can you find it in yourself
to deny any of your Lord's divine blessings?

55:1-13

November 21

Have you considered the semen you carry within you?
Did you create it,
or did We?

We decreed the moment of death for each of you.
And We will not be prevented
from replacing all of you with other beings,
fashioned in forms unknown to you.

You surely know the extent of God's first creation,
yet you do not take heed.

And have you considered what you reap
from the earth?

Did you grow it unaided,
or are We the original grower?

If We wished,
everything could be broken down into dust again
and people would lament in their regret.

56:58-65

November 22

Have you considered the water you drink?
Did you cause it to come down from the rain clouds,
or did We?
If We willed it,
We could have made that rain undrinkable.
Are you not grateful then?

And have you considered the flame that you kindle?
Did you make trees grow to be fuel for that fire,
or were We the grower?
We made the flame to be a reminder of Hellfire
as well as a benefit to the dwellers of the desert.

Thus, for all of God's bounties
glorify the name of your Mighty Lord.

56:68-74

November 23

Everything in the heavens and on earth glorifies God,
the All-Mighty, the All-Wise,
to Whom the whole Universe belongs.

God, who gives life and causes death,
is the First and Last,
the Manifest and the Hidden,
the One who knows all,
can do anything.

It is God who made the heavens and earth in six days
and then took dominion of the Throne.
It is God who knows what goes into the earth
and what comes out of it,
what comes down from the sky
and what goes up to it.

It is God who is with you wherever you are
and sees everything you do.
And it is God who manages all the affairs
of the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth,

merging the night into the day
and the day into the night,
and knowing every detail of humanity's thoughts.

57:1-6

November 24

God who is kind and merciful to you,
reveals clear verses to His servant [Muhammad]
to bring you out of darkness into light.
And therefore why would you decline
to spend your wealth in God's cause?
For the ultimate inheritance of the heavens
and the earth is to God.

57:9-10

November 25

Those males and females who give charitably
out of God's bounty,
will be repaid many times over
and in addition will earn a generous reward.

57:18

November 26

Do not delay in seeking your Lord's forgiveness
and in working towards Paradise,
whose width is as great as that
of the heavens and earth.

Paradise is prepared for those who believe in God
and the Messenger.

This is God's bounty,
given to the deserving by divine will,
for God's resources are infinite.

57:21

November 27

There is no calamity that strikes the earth
or its creatures
that is not written in [God's] book
even before it happens,
for this is easy for God.

Therefore, do not grieve excessively
over what you fail to achieve
or what you may have lost.
God dislikes those who are arrogant and vain,
as well as those who are miserly
and encourage others to be so.
God is the All-Rich, the All-Worthy of praise.

57:22-24

November 28

Our Lord, we pray
that You do not use us as means to test nonbelievers.
And we ask also your forgiveness,
for You are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

60:5

November 29

God encourages you to deal kindly and justly
with those who have not fought with you over religion
and have not tried to drive you from your homes;
for God loves those who act in this way.

But God does forbid you
from befriending those who fight with you
for religious reasons,
drive you out of your homes,
and encourage others to do likewise.
Whoever among you befriends these evil-doers
would be transgressing God's Law.

60:8-9

November 30

If We had revealed the Qur'an to a mountain,
you would surely have seen it falling down in humility
and tearing itself apart in reverence and fear of God.
Such parables are told so that people may reflect.

There is no god but the One,
the All-Knowing of what is seen and unseen,
the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.
There is no God but the One,
the King, the Most Holy,
the Source of Peace, the Giver of Security,
the Protector, the All-Mighty,
the Strong, the Most High.

All glory to God
who transcends by far any associated beings
or partner-gods.

God alone is the Creator,
the Maker, the Fashioner,
Lord of the Most Perfect Names,

who is glorified by everything
in the heavens and on the earth.
He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

59:21-24

December

December 1

All that exists in the heavens and earth
praises God,
the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.
Therefore, all you who believe,
why do you not do what you say?
It is hateful to God when people's words
do not match their actions.

61:1-3

December 2

Remember when Moses said to his people,
'O my people, why do you hurt me
even though you know that I am
God's Messenger to you?'
When they turned away [from the Truth],
God turned their hearts as well,
for God does not guide those who disobey.

Remember when Jesus, son of Mary,
told the children of Israel,
'I am indeed God's Messenger to you,
confirming the true prophecy of the Torah
which was revealed before me,
and giving glad tidings that a Messenger,
named Ahmed [Muhammad], will come after me.'
But when Jesus showed them clear miracles as proof,
the people said,
'This is nothing but clear magic.'

How great a transgressor is that person
who invents lies about God,

even while being invited to submit in Islam.
God does not guide those who disobey,
those who try to extinguish the divine light
through careless talk,
for God will make His Light prevail even though the
nonbelievers hate it.

61:5-8

December 3

O all you who believe!
Be God's helpers,
as when Jesus the son of Mary,
said to his disciples,
'Who would be with me?'
and the disciples answered,
'We are God's helpers.'
One group among the people of Israel
believed in him
and another did not.
But We supported those who did believe,
and they became victorious over their enemies.

61:14

December 4

Everything in heavens and earth
glorifies God, who is the Ruler,
the Most Holy, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

It was God who sent a Messenger [Muhammad]
to the unlettered people, one of them,
to recite to them the Divine words,
to purify them and to teach them wisdom
and the Book [Qur'an].
They were indeed formerly misguided.

And the message of the Qur'an
was also recorded to reach others,
who have not yet joined the faith.
God the All-Mighty, the All-Wise,
and Possessor of the Great Grace,
bestows divine Grace upon the chosen.

December 5

O all you who believe!
When the Friday prayer-call is sounded,
leave your homes and business
and go to remember God,
for this is to your benefit if you really know.
And after you finish Friday's prayers,
then go your separate ways,
working throughout the land
as good stewards of God's bounty.

Remember God often
so you will be truly successful.

62:9-10

December 6

O all you who believe!

Do not let your possessions or children distract you
from remembering God,
for those who forget God suffer great loss.

Take care now to spend charitably
from what God has given you,
otherwise you could be among those
who see death coming and pray,
'My Lord, could you delay my death
for a short while so I can give charitably
and do good deeds?'

But God will not delay anyone's death
when their time has come.

God is fully aware of what you do during life.

63:9-11

December 7

Everything in the heavens and earth
glorifies and praises God,
to whom the Kingdom belongs,
for God is capable of doing anything.

God created you all,
some will believe and some will not,
and moreover is fully aware of all that humans do.

He created the heavens and earth,
and shaped you all perfectly
according to the best design
and it is to God that all will finally return.

God knows all that happens
in the heavens and the earth,
and fully knows whatever you conceal
and whatever you disclose,
even your inmost thoughts.

December 8

The heart of whoever believes is guided by God,
Who knows well everything that is.

Obey God and the Messenger.
But if you turn away from obedience to God
and the Messenger,
then you should know that our Messenger's job is
only to clearly inform.

God. There is no god but He; there is no other.
Believers can trust in God.

64:11-13

December 9

Your wealth and family may be a trial to your faith,
but God has the greatest reward in store.

Therefore, fear and revere God
with your utmost ability.

Listen, obey, and spend charitably,
and all will be better for you.

Those who guard themselves
from lapsing into miserly self-interest
are the truly successful ones,
for when you give back to God
in full measure by spending charitably,
you will be rewarded multifold and with forgiveness.

God is the Most Thankful,
the Most Forbearing, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise,
the One who knows all
of what is seen and unseen.

64:15-18

December 10

God will always rescue true believers
from any difficulty
and provide for them in reliable ways,
for whoever puts their trust in God will be satisfied.

**G od has ordained every thing according to a divine plan
and only G od can accom plish it.**

65 2-3

December 11

O all you who believe!

Turn to God in repentance and sincerity,
so that your Lord may overlook your mistakes
and welcome you into Paradise,
where great rivers flow under its gardens.

For on Judgment Day,

God will not disappoint the Messenger
and those who turned to believe in him.

As a result of their faith on earth,
their light will shine before them as they pray,
'O Lord, make our light complete and forgive us,
for You are capable of doing anything.'

66:8

December 12

God set an example for all nonbelievers
through the wives of Noah and Lot,
who were in the homes of two faithful believers,
for both betrayed their husbands.
Neither Noah nor Lot interceded for God's favour
on their wives' behalf,
and so these women were told to enter Hellfire.

God also set an example with Pharaoh's wife,
who prayed, 'My Lord, build for me a house in Paradise
and save me from the deeds of Pharaoh
and his transgressing people.'
God set a further example for believers in Mary,
the daughter of Imran, who guarded her chastity.
For when [the Angel Gabriel] breathed [into her ear],
she believed in the words of her Lord
and in His [Holy] Books.
She was indeed a true submissive believer.

December 13

Praised is God,
who holds the Kingdom in hand,
and who is capable of doing anything.

God created death and life,
to test who among you has done the best deeds.
He is the Almighty, the Most Forgiving.

God is the One Who created seven heavens,
one above the other,
you will never see any flaws
in the creation of the Most Merciful.
Look again at the heavens, do you see
any tears or cracks?
Examine yet further, and further still.
Your eyesight will fail in frustration and fatigue
without any flaw being found.

67:1-4

December 14

And whether you conceal or disclose your words,
God is fully aware even of your innermost thoughts;
for should not the Creator know these things?

Our Lord is One who is All-Knowing
of the finest of details,
who brought all of earth into submission for you.
So walk in God's pathways
and be nourished with divine provisions.
And at the end you will be with God in the Resurrection.

67:13-15

December 15

[O Muhammad]

Say, 'God created all of you
with the ability to hear, to see, and to have insight.
But you show little gratitude.'

Then say, 'God scattered you on earth
and will call you to the final gathering.'

But [the nonbelievers] will ask,
'If you are really truthful,
when will this promised final gathering be?'
And you will answer, 'God alone
has the knowledge of this time;
I am only a Messenger and a clear herald of it.'

67:23-26

December 16

[O Muhammad]

Say, 'We believe and fully trust in God,
who is the Most Compassionate.'

But [the nonbelievers] will know
who is truly misguided.

So ask them then, 'What will happen if your water
sinks deep into the ground?

Who will then supply you with flowing water?'

67:29-30

December 17

[Noah told his people],
'God sends down rain in abundance,
bestowing upon you gardens and rivers,
as well as wealth and children.
Then why do you not dignify God,
the One who created you all in stages
and brought you forth from earth?
Have you not considered how God created
the seven heavens,
one upon another,
and placed in them the moon to give light
and the sun as a burning lamp?
That same God will return you back to earth,
and one day resurrect you from it.'

71:11-18

December 18

[O Muhammad]

Say, 'I do not know

if the promised [Judgment Day] is near,

or whether my Lord will postpone it for a while.'

God knows the unseen

and does not reveal this to anyone,

except the Messengers to whom [guardian angels]

are sent to protect

and watch over them in front and behind.

This is to ensure that they are able to convey

their Lord's messages.

God is fully aware of what they have done

and keeps track of everything.

72:25-28

December 19

Do human beings think to escape responsibility for their deeds?

Did they not begin as a few clustered cells,
resulting from emitted semen
[joining with a fertile egg]?

Those dividing cells became a small clump of flesh
clinging to the womb,
and then were shaped by God's action
into human proportions.

God has created all humans as male or female.
Therefore, why doubt that such a great Creator
could also give new life to the dead?

75:36-40

December 20

Have humans not gone through a time
when they were of no importance?

God created them from a mere cluster of dividing cells,
then gave them the ability to hear and see.

Later, they were tested as their Creator
showed them the way,
allowing them to choose
whether to be grateful believers
or misguided nonbelievers.

76:1-3

December 21

What do people question each other about?
Do they discuss the importance of Judgment Day?
An important issue over which they differ?
No indeed!
For they will soon know [the Truth].

For have We not made the wide earth
as comfortable as a bed,
and the mountains as stabilizing anchors?

Did We not create you in pairs of male and female,
or provide you with sleep for your rest
and the night as a covering?

Did We not make the daylight
under which you can earn a living,
and create seven strong heavens over you
and the brightly burning lamp of the sun above them?

And have We not sent down rain abundantly
from the clouds,
to bring forth grains, vegetation, and lavish gardens?

The deciding time of Judgment Day
is absolutely coming,
at Our predetermined time.

78:1-17

December 22

Cursed be that ungrateful person
who disbelieves!

From what has God created humanity,
but a cluster of cells with a predetermined plan.
Then God reveals a path of guidance
that is easy for a person to follow,
eventually causing the person's death.
Later, the person will be resurrected when God wills.
But the human has not done what was commanded!

80:17-23

December 23

Let people look to their food.
We have poured down water abundantly
and broken the earth thoroughly
so that it will grow grains, grapes, clover,
date palms, lavish gardens, fruits and herbage.
All are for your provision and that of your cattle.

80:24-32

December 24

Glorify the name of your Lord,
the Most High, the Creator
who shaped everything perfectly.
It was God who planned Creation
and whose will guided certain ones.
This same God brings forth green pasturage,
and can likewise turn it into black stubble.

87:1-5

December 25

Do people not look at how camels are created?
And at how the heavens are set above them
and how the mountains rise up?
Do they not see how wonderfully
the earth is spread out?

88:17-20

December 26

Has God not given human beings
two eyes, a tongue and two lips,
and then showed them the difference
between right and wrong?

90:8-10

December 27

[O Muhammad]

Read this in the name of your Lord
the Creator!

God formed humanity from a suspended piece of flesh.

Then read, for your Lord is the Most Generous,
the One who has taught people to write with a pen,
He taught people what they did not know.
Yet humans transgress the limits their Lord has set,
for they consider themselves self-sufficient.
But all humans will indeed finally return to the Lord.

96:1-8

December 28

Those who believe and do good deeds
are the best of beings.

The reward given to them by their Lord
will be gardens in Eden,
underneath of which are flowing rivers.

There they will live forever,
where God is pleased with them
and they are likewise pleased.

All this awaits whoever fears and serves the Lord.

98:7-8

December 29

When the earth quakes and bursts forth
in burning volcanoes,
people will ask, 'What is the matter with the world?'
But on that Day, the earth will reveal
that God inspired her to do that.
Then people will be scattered
to see the results of the deeds they have done.
Whoever has done a good deed,
even as small as an atom,
will be rewarded;
and whoever has done a bad deed,
again even as small as an atom,
will be punished.

99:1-8

December 30

By time, humanity is surely at a loss,
except for those who believe and do good deeds
and urge one another to follow the Truth
with perseverance.

103:1-3

December 31

[O Muhammad]

Say, 'There is One God,
the Self-Sufficient, who begot no one
nor was begotten.
No one is God's equal.'

112:1-4

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